

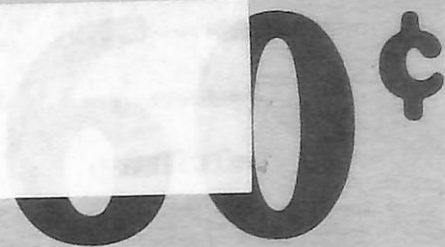
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Honoring Deceased Police Officers



THE 11TH ANNUAL POLICE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE of the Western Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association took place on Wednesday, May 12th at the Regional Training Center in Agawam. (See story and related photos on Page 5.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Town Of Agawam's Memorial Weekend Observances

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 1999

10:30 a.m.: Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. All are welcome.

"MEMORIAL DAY"

MONDAY, MAY 31, 1999

Ceremonies

8:00 a.m.: World War I Memorial — located directly in front of American Legion, Post 185.

8:30 a.m.: Springfield Street Cemetery — across from Sacred Heart Church.

9:00 a.m.: Agawam Center Cemetery — across from St. John's Church.

Parade

10:00 a.m.: Assembly point will be Southworth Paper Company. *Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m.* for a one-mile march down Main Street to Veterans' Green. Ceremony will follow.

Immediately Following Ceremony On Green

Flagpole dedication — South Westfield Street Cemetery (Eagle Scout Project, Troop 78).

AHS Teachers Defend Accreditation Report; Blast School Committee For Remarks

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

If you don't like the news, shoot the messenger. If you don't like the High School accreditation report, blame the people who supplied the information to the evaluation team or the principal who is trying to address the issues raised in the report.

After seeing Principal Joseph Zabielski alternately grilled, badgered, and scolded while giving a presentation on the accreditation report at the School Committee meeting two weeks ago, teachers at the High School are frustrated and very upset at some of the comments made by committee members.

Last month, Agawam High School received accreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), but the school has been placed on warning status for deficiencies in three of the 10 standards used by the Commission on Public Secondary Schools in evaluating the programs and services offered to

public school students.

The accreditation report is the product of a two-year self-evaluation process conducted by committees of school administrators, teachers, parents, and students, as well as a three-day site visit by a 12-member committee in October.

The teachers are particularly upset with the impression given by some School Committee members that the teachers who participated in the self-evaluation of the school or who spoke to the visiting committee either did not know what is going on at the school or did not do a thorough job of supplying documentation supporting the conclusions of the self-evaluations.

And there is an undercurrent of resentment among the faculty members who heard School Committee members say they want to work on the committees being formed to address the recommendations of the accreditation report (when the teachers feel that most School Com-

mittee members were lax in attending the committee meetings during the self-evaluation study).

"The accreditation is a school-based self-evaluation that comes from within — from the bottom up, not from the top down. The people who work here on a daily basis are the ones who should and do have a say in the process. After all, we're on the front line every day," commented physics teacher Arthur Gage. "I don't know when in my 30 years here that a School Committee member visited my classroom to see what I'm doing."

Report Gives A Fair And Accurate Picture...

According to the teachers, the accreditation report gives a fair and accurate picture of the school's strengths and weaknesses. Furthermore, the report includes many of the same recommen-

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A NOTE TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS:

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ACCREDITATION - from Page 1...

dations on the library/media center and the student bathroom facilities — often in nearly identical language — that haven't been addressed in the 10 years since the last accreditation report in 1988.

As chairman of the financial support committee, Gage took issue with the idea that the appropriate financial information relating to curriculum and professional development had not been supplied to the NEASC, as suggested at the School Committee meeting.

"We supplied them with the statistics on professional development for the 1996 and 1997 school years," Gage said. "The report shows they spent \$335,000 in 1997 and \$324,000 in 1996, but \$100,000 of that pays for the teachers' first day of school. That's not really a professional development day, even though the state allows them to charge it off that way. We need more professional development in inquiry-based learning and in teaching in heterogeneous groups."

English teacher Kathleen Mounemneh, a member of the School Improvement Council, said the majority of the staff support Zabielski and believe in the philosophy of site-based management as mandated by education reform.

"Most of the staff support Mr. Zabielski, even if

they don't always agree with everything he's doing," Mrs. Mounemneh said. "It's in his heart to do what's in the best interest of the school. The kids are his first priority — not the School Committee, not the superintendent, and certainly not himself."

Both Gage and Mrs. Mounemneh agreed that bringing the building up to speed in terms of the accreditation report would not be possible without the appropriate funding, especially for the library.

Gage said the financial support committee discovered that the recommendations for the library in the latest accreditation report are almost word for word the same as in the 1998 report; school spending typically jumps in the years immediately preceding an accreditation review and then dries up; and there is still a need for the development of short- and long-range financial planning between the School Department and the Town Council.

The final accreditation report issued by the Commission requests that school administrators submit a special progress report by November 1, 1999 indicating how its recommendations on curriculum and instruction, library technology and media services, and school facilities are being addressed.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day On Sat., June 19th

The Town of Agawam's Health Department has announced that a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on Saturday, June 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (by appointment only).

It will be held at the Agawam High School parking lot on Cooper Street, and proof of Agawam residency is required. Each household will be limited to a quantity of waste equal to 15 gallons liquid or 20 pounds solid.

What's more, home composting bins will be sold the day of the collection.

WHAT DO I BRING?

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From the garage: gasoline/kerosene, antifreeze, engine de-greaser, car wax/polish, driveway sealers, roofing tar.

From the workbench: oil/latex paints, stains/varnishes, wood preservative, paint stripper/thinner, aerosol cans, adhesives.

From the yard: insecticides/fungicides, chemical fertilizers, weed killers, flea control products, no-pest strips, pool chemicals, propane cylinders.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

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* Radioactive wastes/smoke detectors.

* Biological wastes.

* Explosives/ammunition.

* Prescription medicine/syringes.

* Motor oil. (This can be brought to the DPW garage, 1347 Main Street, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

For appointments, call the Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 207.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED ORDINANCE TOR-99-1

An Ordinance to add Paragraph 82-3 to the Code of the Town of Agawam Relative to Delaying the Demolition of Historically Significant Buildings.

Said Ordinance is of a length too cumbersome for publication. Accordingly, copy of said ordinance is available for reference at the office of the City Clerk, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL
Donald M. Rheault, President
Agawam City Council

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on JUNE 7, 1999 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA, on the application of OAK RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB/GOLF CLUB for a license to keep, store for personal use/or resale of petroleum products in underground tanks or above ground not to exceed 2,300 gallons at 850 SOUTH WESTFIELD STREET in the Town of Agawam, MA.

Richard M. Theroux, Town Clerk

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Letters To The Editor

Agawam Historical Comm. Chairman Expresses Thanks

To The Editor:

After five years of preparation towards the creation of a National Register Home District in Agawam Center, and nearly six months of work toward establishing a Demolition Delay Ordinance, I am pleased that the Demolition Delay Ordinance has become reality, and that important steps toward establishing Agawam's first historic district at Agawam Center are underway.

On behalf of the Agawam Historical Commission, I would like to thank everyone who has assisted the Historical Commission in our recent efforts to establish a Demolition Delay Ordinance and to secure funding for the Massachusetts Historical Commission's Survey & Planning Grant Program.

Town planner Debbie Dachos and her staff have provided invaluable support and expertise over the past few months on both the Demolition Delay and the MHC grant proposal. That expertise paid off when the Historical Commission was recently awarded \$6,000 by MHC to complete work on the proposed Agawam Center Historic District.

Members of the Agawam Planning Board and Agawam Town Council also deserve praise. Their unanimous support of the Demolition Delay Ordinance has sent a very clear message to all regarding the importance of preserving the Town's historic structures. The Town Council's appropriation of \$4,000 to match the \$6,000 MHC grant will enable us to hire a consultant to prepare nomination forms for the Agawam Center National Register Historic District.

I would like to thank Mayor Christopher Johnson and the members of the Agawam Historical Association for their support of the Historical Commission. Also, those who signed the Demolition Delay petition and spoke in favor of the Ordinance at the various public hearings deserve credit for their role as well.

My fellow Historical Commission members also deserve recognition: Rick Bellico's passion and enthusiasm serve the Commission well, as does Marilyn Curry's vast knowledge of Town history.

And, to my wife Laurie, who has spent many evenings alone with our two boys, Joe and Bailey, while I collected signatures, attended meetings, and public hearings, *thank you* for your understanding.

These are very exciting times for the Historical Commission. I hope this is just the beginning.

Again, on behalf of the Agawam Historical Commission, thanks to everyone for your support.

With gratitude,
David Cecchi
Chairman

Agawam Historical Commission

Girl Scout Cookie Sales Are Quite Impressive In Agawam

To The Editor:

Once again, Agawam Girl Scouts outdo themselves selling cookies. Last year, 337 girls sold 33,446 packages of cookies; this year, 329 girls sold 37,809 packages — an increase of 4,363 packages! Great job, girls!

We would like to congratulate two scouts from Agawam for being the number two and three top sellers in the Council. The number two seller is Courtney Cowell from Troop 566 (she sold 1,177 packages), and the number three seller is Samantha Justilian from Troop 525 (she sold 803 packages).

The top seller from Wilbraham sold 1,409 packages. In total, Pioneer Valley Council Scouts sold 290,000 packages.

Thank-you to the following cookie troop managers and leaders for their hard work this year:

525, Candace Justilian; 538, Lisa Peck; 539, Sandy Hensel; 540, Maria Lynch; 541, Debra Muzzy; 543, Jill VanNess; 544, Beth Walsh and Claire; 546, Laurie Harbor; 547, Sharon Rozanski; 548, Kathy Keenan; 549, Debbie Proulx; 550, Sheryl MacFadden; 551, Lynne Henry; 552, Lisa Marsh.

554, Mary O'Connell; 555, Joan Couture; 557, Kathy Uzar; 558, Sherry Sauseville; 559, Suzanne Strole; 560, Cheryl Wagner; 561, Trisha Venne; 562, Jill Lewin; 563, Paula Scherpa; 564, Sharon Robichard; 565, Maureen Weiner; 566, Peggy

Cowell; 568, Kim Clark; 580, Cathy Thies; 584, Debbie Rennell; 587, Laura Worchol; and 588, Louise Gavlin.

Also, thank-you to Fini's Farm for letting us use their store, and all the hard-working girls and moms who helped load the cars up with cookies. Also, thanks to Lesley Young for all her work in sorting and packing the incentives.

Linda Montagna
Unit Cookie Manager

Bitzas Takes Issue With Letter About His Stand On Smoking

To The Editor:

I would like to take issue with a letter in last week's *Agawam Advertiser* written by Mr. Mike Tassinari, Sr. of Feeding Hills. In his letter, Mr. Tassinari criticized Mr. Marieb, praised Dr. Jawitz, and, for some reason, deliberately tried to put me in the middle of their issue. I have no idea what he is talking about! Has the election season already started?

Mr. Tassinari, I, along with the other 10 councilors, have never debated, voted on, nor made any statements for or against smoking in restaurants. When this issue comes before us, you will know how I feel and how I will vote. My friends and my supporters are smokers and non-smokers. They are all good people. I respect all of their rights.

Please, sir, be honest. When you write something, have the correct information and write truth. Don't make up stories about me or put words in my mouth. You have the right to criticize me if you don't agree on an issue, I accept that, but you don't have the right to fabricate statements on my behalf.

You may continue to express your opinions on issues; it is your right. But please be honest and fair in what you say.

Sincerely,
George Bitzas
Agawam City Councilor

Marsh Family Says "Thank You" To Parthenon Restaurant

To The Editor:

The Marsh family wants to thank the Parthenon Restaurant for finding the time in their busy schedule to provide a raffle, a beautiful Easter basket, and donating all the proceeds to Baby Val's cause.

The Marsh Family

Let's See More Coverage Of Town's Proposed Smoking Ban

To The Editor:

There have been a few "Letters to the Editor" recently about the Board of Health's proposed smoking ban in Agawam restaurants, yet I have not seen any articles in the *Advertiser News* covering this story.

In fact, I would not have known about the upcoming public hearing on June 9th regarding the proposed ban if I hadn't read about it in the *Union News*. Perhaps I missed the *Advertiser News*' announcement of the scheduled hearing, but I'm virtually certain that there have been no recent articles about the smoking ban.

The *Advertiser News* does report on other Board of Health issues and activities, examples being the recent piece on Randall White, Health Agent, and the upcoming hazardous waste collection day.

I strongly encourage the *Advertiser News* to provide coverage of this important health issue.

Mike Marieb
Feeding Hills

The Public Can Also Petition State Fire Marshall's Office

To The Editor:

City Councilors are not the sole and only group that can petition the State Fire Marshall's office for redress of grievances. We, the people, can as well.

Given, now, how Berkshire Power willfully, knowingly, made false statements to gain Town approval for their construction of an oil storage tank - and given how the State Fire Marshall's Office was illegally bypassed by Berkshire Power - we must insist that our State Fire Marshall order the demolition of offending tank.

Present cease and desist orders are not enough - not when dealing with Berkshire Power. We have every reason to believe they will ignore these orders. I believe several orders have already been violated in the past. We cannot trust the Berkshire Power people, who lack "good faith."

Please phone and write the State Fire Marshall's office. Please urge him to require the tank's demolition.

Office of the State Fire Marshall, State Road, P.O. Box 1025, Stowe, MA 01775, 978-567-3300, FAX: 978-567-3199. Further contact information is available at <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/sfmo/contact.htm>.

Sincerely Yours,
Owen R. Broadhurst
Agawam

Non-Smokers Should Turn Out For June 9th Open Meeting

To The Editor:

Now is the time for all Agawam non-smokers to speak up. For five years, we have watched surrounding towns in increasing numbers adopt no smoking policies in their restaurants while our town has steadfastly refused to acknowledge what second-hand smoke can do.

Our Board of Health is evenly divided - two for changing our present policy and two in favor of ignoring the health of our townsmen. So far, we, the vast majority, have been silent. Now is the time for us to defend our right to clean air.

On June 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School, there will be an open town meeting to address this issue. I especially want to question Dr. Jawitz, a member of the Board of Health who agrees with the present policy.

I hope he will be present to explain how a physician can ignore the dangers that result from second-hand smoke.

Let's have a large turnout of non-smokers so that Agawam can show itself to be as progressive as its neighbors.

Sincerely,
Millicent Barnard
Feeding Hills

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ABOVE: Auxiliary Police Officer Robert Burke and Sergeant Richard Curry at the Memorial Day Service. **BELOW:** Agawam Police Chief Robert Campbell, the Program Chairman and Master of Ceremonies. Seated behind Campbell is Father William Hamilton, Chaplain of the Western Mass. Chiefs of Police Association. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



THE WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS POLICE CHIEFS with the family members of deceased police officers. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

WMass. Chiefs Of Police Assoc. Holds Memorial Day Service

The 11th Annual Police Memorial Day Service of the Western Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association was held on Wednesday, May 12th at the Regional Training Center in Agawam.

Serving as Program Chairman and Master of Ceremonies was Agawam Police Chief Robert D. Campbell. Bag pipers included Officer Richard Curry of the Agawam Police Department. Agawam Police Officer Robert Burke of the Agawam Aux-

iliary Police Department served as drummer.

Chief Campbell introduced family, friends, guests, and directed the order protocol, speakers, and related activities. As part of the "Order of Attention," Chief Campbell oversaw the removal of black bunting from the monument as well as placement of a memorial wreath at the monument. The roll of absent brother police officers was also called.



LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM BOARD OF HEALTH

LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Board of Health will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 9, 1999 at 6:30 PM in the auditorium of the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to hear testimony relative to amending

the existing regulations affecting smoking in certain places.

Per order of F. William Euliano, Chairman
AGAWAM BOARD OF HEALTH

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Demolition Delay...

The First Step Toward Preserving Town Of Agawam's Character

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Town Council took a giant step forward in the preservation of historically significant buildings at its meeting last week by putting a stamp of approval on the demolition delay ordinance sponsored by the Historical Commission and unanimously endorsed by the Planning Board.

There were no votes in opposition to the ordinance, which is modeled on a two year-old Easthampton by-law. Council Vice-President Robert Magovern abstained due to a conflict of interest, and Councilor Robert Young (who voted in favor of the first reading of the ordinance) was absent for the second and third readings.

Originally written as an amendment to the zoning code, the legislation was later changed to a general ordinance on the advice of Town Counsel Thomas S. Locke. Locke said this would avoid the "grandfathering" argument that historic structures would not be subject to the measure because they were built prior to the state law which give communities the right to enact zoning ordinances.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said that a general ordinance is just as valuable a tool for historic preservation as a zoning ordinance. Johnson said it made more sense to include demolition delay in the town's general ordinances, even though he does not believe the grandfathering issue would be a strong argument in court.

Johnson said the demolition delay ordinance provides the town with a window of opportunity to preserve the historic buildings that contribute toward maintaining the character of the community.

But, demolition delay is just the first step.

Johnson would like to see the town zoning code amended to include architectural controls for new construction in historically significant areas of town. This would require the developers to construct buildings with a colonial or New England flavor (rather than the cookie cutter buildings favored as easily recognizable corporate designs).

Betty's Town House - A Prime Example...

"The demolition of Betty's Town House is a

prime example of how architectural controls would work," Johnson said. "Even if we couldn't save the actual building for rehabilitation as a business, the next best thing would have been for the Planning Board to sit down with Walgreen's and work on a colonial design similar to the original building."

Johnson said the fire station on Main Street is another example of how architectural controls would work. "When we built the fire headquarters, we wanted it to fit in with the other buildings in the neighborhood. So, we oriented the building and the materials to the other buildings in the area."

The idea of having some sort of control over the style of buildings in historic areas of town is not a new proposal. However, Johnson said that past town councils have turned deaf ears on the notion of setting up such restrictions.

"I've never been able to get the council behind zoning changes, but the proof of the pudding will be what this council does with recodification and zoning review," Johnson said.

With varying degrees of cooperation, Planning Board members routinely ask developers to design buildings that will incorporate elements of colonial architecture in areas like Feeding Hills Center and the area proposed for a designation as a national historic district on Main Street.

Some business owners, like John Salema who owns the Feeding Hills Dunkin' Donuts store, have been willing to work with the town to adapt a historic building like the Charles Wright House for corporate use. Other corporations, particularly national and regional chains, have refused to abandon their "signature" building style that they claim is an important component in their marketing strategy because the building is instantly recognized by consumers.

The demolition delay ordinance will enable the town's Office of Community Planning and Development to postpone the destruction of historically significant buildings for up to six months while working with the owners and the Historical Commission to identify alternate uses for the structure.

Regular Council Mtg. Agenda For Monday, June 7th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 5/17/99
5. Declaration from Council President
6. **Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances**
None.
7. **Report of Council Committees**
None.
8. **Elections**
None.
9. **Public Hearings**
(a)
1. PH-99-7-(TO-99-27)-Application-Gas Storage Permit-Oak Ridge Country Club, 850 So. Westfield St., Request 300 gal. aboveground & 2,000 gal. underground liquid propane (Conduct Public Hearing).
10. **Old Business**
(a)
1. TOR-99-2-An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 49-7 of Ch. 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Mayor's Salary)(Coun. Simpson, Thompson, Negrucci)(2nd Reading).
2. TOR-99-3-An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 49-7 of Ch. 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (City Councilors)(Coun. Simpson, Thompson, Negrucci)(2nd Reading).
3. TO-99-1-Total review of Council Rules and Regulations (Pres. Rheault)(Ref. to Rules & Reg. Comm. on 1/19/99)(Tabled on 2/1/99 - Left on table until 5/17/99 mtg. - Left on table 5/17/99).
4. TO-99-7-Establish a 3 member committee to review salaries of the Mayor, Council and School Committee and all boards here and other communities and to draft an ordinance or resolution accordingly (Pres. Rheault)(Tabled on 5/3/99 - Left on table 5/17/99).
5. TO-99-26-Voucher List (\$192.56).
6. TO-99-28-Dealers in Violation of Class I & II Licenses (Coun. Negrucci).
7. TO-99-29-Transfer-\$12,500.00 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Line Items-Professional Services (16602-52190)(Mayor).
8. TO-99-30-Transfer-\$46,280.00 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Playscape Gifts & Donations (32110-48300)(Mayor).
9. TO-99-31-Application for License for one hundred twenty four (124) automatic amusement devices for Riverside Park, 1623 Main St., Agawam, MA

Senator Melconian Welcomes Intern Edward Chang To Her District Office

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that she has welcomed a new intern, Edward Chang, to her Western Massachusetts District Office.

Edward, the son of John and Katherine Chang of Longmeadow is currently a student at Tufts University in Medford, Mass. and will be spending the summer with the Senator and her staff.

Edward will have a variety of important responsibilities in the Senator's office. Over the course of the internship, he will have the opportunity to work with constituents, draft press releases,

research bills, perform administrative duties, and assist with several special projects.

Currently a sophomore at Tufts, Edward is majoring in political science. When he told his mother, Katherine Chang, a teacher at Brightwood Elementary School, of his interest in politics and the law, she immediately suggested that he look into an internship opportunity for the summer with Senator Melconian.

"I'm very excited about the educational opportunities I will have in Senator Melconian's office and I intend to take advantage of the experience

and professional knowledge of the Senator and her staff. After graduation, I hope to attend law school in Boston."

"The internship is a great opportunity for Edward to acquire real-world experience in the field of politics, an essential component to a well-rounded education," said Melconian. "My goal for the internship program is for my interns to learn as much as possible from hands-on experience in a political office while preparing them for further studies or possibly a career in politics."

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School Committee Gives Initial Nod To Three Policy Changes

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The School Committee gave initial approval to three policy changes dealing with the naming of school facilities, discipline on school field trips, and booster club fundraising at Tuesday night's meeting with final approval expected at the next meeting.

In naming school facilities, the School Committee agreed to consider requests from school and community groups to name specific areas of a school or a school campus for someone who has made a significant contribution to the school or the school system, and who has been deceased for at least three years. Renaming a school building when it no longer is used as a school will be considered using the same criteria.

School Committee Secretary Teresa Kozloski said the important change in the policy on school field trips relates to redefining the wording on supervision and discipline so that it is clear that the principal or the principal's designee is the ultimate authority responsible for discipline. Mrs. Kozloski said the change was needed to avoid problems that have occurred in the past with adult chaperones challenging school personnel's authority during field trips.

The wording of the policy on relations with booster organizations is being fine-tuned to close any loopholes regarding the types of fundraising that will be allowed.

Committee member Linda Galarneau suggested adding some language to the policy to make it clear that students would not be allowed to collect money while dressed in their uniforms or while dressed in their own clothing (to forestall a challenge from parents who have pointed out that the current policy simply prevents students

from collecting money in uniform). The intent of the policy is to limit fundraising by booster groups to provide a service or a product to the public.

The policy also states that booster club dues will not be recognized as scholarships or awarded during the Senior Awards Night at the High School, and that students may not be denied membership in a booster club because of an inability to pay the annual dues.

In other business, School Superintendent Frank Ameruso reported that school administration has met with the Police Department and other public safety officials and has formulated a plan to beef up school security. Dubbed CALM (Crisis Alert Launching Measures), the safety plan includes administrative measures and the enhancement of building security in cooperation with the building maintenance director relating to doors and the use of cameras.

Ameruso reported that SOAR, the summer reading program announced at the last School Committee meeting, is off to a great start with 34 sign-ups. However, response to a survey of elementary school parents on support for an all-day kindergarten program had yielded only two replies as of Tuesday, Ameruso said. There is a June 3rd deadline on the survey, which was sent home to elementary school parents and was published in last week's issue of *The AAN*. The results of the survey will be considered by a task force currently looking into the possibility of beginning all-day kindergarten in Agawam schools.

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano
Be Careful When Cooking Outdoors

With the Memorial Day holiday upon us, the Massachusetts State Fire Marshal offers the following "outdoor cooking" tips for a safe and happy summer:

Barbecue Safety

- Use all barbecue grills away from the house in the backyard.
- Supervise children whenever any grill is in use.
- Never use gasoline on any grill!

Gas Grills

- Keep all LP-gas outside, three feet away from building openings such as doors, windows, dryer vents, and air intake vents. Gas grill containers must be kept five feet away from possible ignition sources such as air conditioners, compressors, cars, and pilot lights. It is recommended that LP-gas canisters be 10 feet away from the house, if possible, especially when in use.

- LP-gas canisters are not permitted inside or on balconies above the first floor of any building where people live.

- LP-gas is heavier than air and sinks. A leaky grill could pose a hazard to people below.

- Make sure all connections are tight and secure.

Charcoal Grills

- Use only charcoal lighter fluid to start charcoal grills.

- Once the coals have been lighted, never add more lighter fluid to the fire — flames may travel up the stream of lighter fluid, resulting in serious burns.

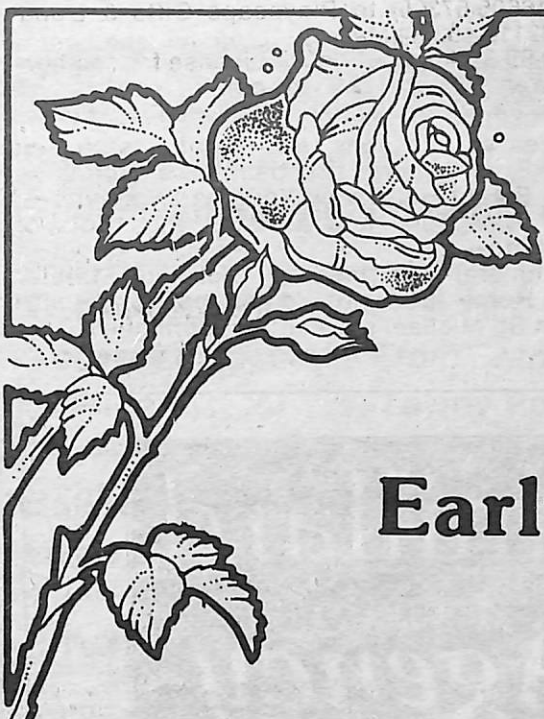
For additional information on "outdoor cooking" safety, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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Our office will be closed on Memorial Day (Monday, May 31st). We will reopen on Tuesday, June 1st, at 6:30 a.m. — AAN!!!

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For copies of his photos in this edition, please contact AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053...



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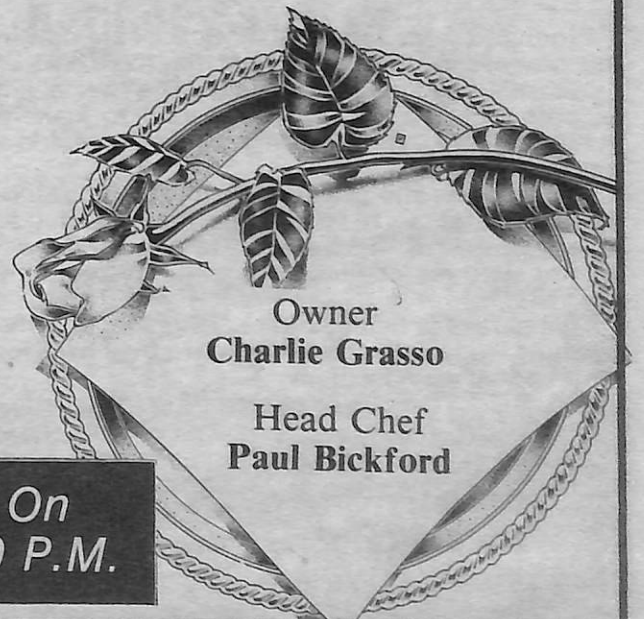
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— Agawam Obituaries —

Gary L. Provost

Gary L. Provost, 52, of Springfield, died recently at home.

He was a security guard for Sentry Security. Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam for many years before moving back to Springfield.

He was a graduate of Agawam High School. He was a Vietnam Army veteran.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church and a former member of American Legion Post 185 in Feeding Hills.

He leaves his wife, the former Lorraine Dionne; his mother, Dolores (Miller) Provost, and a sister, Joyce Moriarty, both of Feeding Hills.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

Elinor McClenaghan

Elinor (Kimball) McClenaghan, 70, of Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

She and her husband, Rollin McClenaghan, owned a boarding kennel for 22 years. She was a collie and dachshund breeder and the co-owner of Slamdunk Dachshund. She also was a veterinarian technician for Dr. Donald Snow and retired in 1988.

Born in Springfield, she lived in the area all her life.

She was a graduate of the former Springfield Technical High School and Springfield Trade School.

She was a direct descendant of Robert Ashley, one of the founders of Springfield.

Her husband died in 1990.

She was a life member of the Hartford-Springfield Collie Club and also belonged to the Holyoke Kennel Club, the Collie Club of America, the Dachshund Club of America, the Eastern Star, the Chicopee Moose Lodge Auxiliary, and the Senior Center in West Springfield.

She leaves a brother, Ralph "Bill" Kimball of Turners Falls, and her business partner, Tina Toohey of East Longmeadow.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Alice Parenteau

Alice (Hetu) Parenteau, 88, of Linden Towers, Springfield, died recently in a local nursing home.

She worked in the Chicopee schools' food services for many years and was a nurse's aide at the former Springfield Hospital for 15 years.

Born in Portland, Oregon, she moved to Springfield, spent most of her life in the Willimansett section of Chicopee, and moved to Agawam in 1988. She returned to Springfield in 1997.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam and a member of the Springfield Hobby Club and the Agawam Senior Center.

Her husband, Alfred W. Parenteau, died in 1976.

She leaves a son, Robert J. of Westfield; a daughter, Leah R. Pare of Littleton, Colorado; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Girls From Troop 559 Preparing For Memorial Day Parade

Troop 559 from James Clark School are now in the process of making a float for the Town of Agawam's Memorial Day parade. The theme will be patriotic; however, the girls want to make a statement that, "Girl Scouting Makes The World a Better Place."

Please come and see the girls this coming Monday, May 31st, at 10:00 a.m. as they march/ride from Southworth Paper Co. to the Veterans' Memorial Green at Phelps Schol (approximately one mile).

This parade is being held out of respect for the veterans, especially those who gave their lives for the freedom we now enjoy.

(Watch for Troop 559's photos after the parade.)

Please show your support of our town's veterans by supporting Agawam's Memorial Day Observances - ADVERTISER NEWS

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Fannie Panichas

Fannie (Dracouli) Panichas, 93, of Castle Hill Road, Agawam, died recently at home.

She was a seamstress for the former Belsky's Co. of Springfield for 20 years.

Born and educated in Pyrgos, Greece, she came to Pawtucket, Rhode Island, in 1921 and moved to Springfield in 1929. She moved to Agawam in 1995.

She was a communicant of the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, a past president of St. Sophia's Lodge of the Greek-American Progressive Association, and a member of the Philoptohos Society, all in Springfield.

Her husband, Andrew Panichas, died in 1973, and a son, Constantine A., in 1989.

She leaves another son, George A. of Agawam and College Park, Maryland; a daughter, Bessie Papas of Montclair, Virginia; two sisters, Niki Dracouli of Agawam and Amelia Lianos of Athens, Greece; and two granddaughters.

The funeral and burial were at the convenience of the family, and Sampson's Liberty Street Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the cathedral building fund at 8 Plainfield Street, Springfield MA 01108.

Judith A. Krzykowski

Judith A. (Vumbaco) Krzykowski, 62, of 1014 Shoemaker Lane in Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She worked at the Village Laundromat for 12 years and in the Junior High School cafeteria. She retired in 1995.

Born in Darien, Connecticut, she was schooled in Springfield and moved to Agawam in 1956.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

She leaves her husband, Anthony J. Krzykowski; a son, Anthony R. of Feeding Hills; three daughters, Lynn Murphy and Lisa Schuler, both of Agawam, and Laura Krzykowski of Feeding Hills; her father, Joseph Vumbaco of Feeding Hills; a brother, James Vumbaco of Springfield; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 813 Williams Street, P.O. Box 61210, Longmeadow, MA 01106-1210.

Maud Daigneau

Maud (Bourdo) Daigneau, 97, formerly of 95 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died recently in a local nursing home.

ly in a local nursing home.

Born in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield, she lived in the Agawam/Feeding Hills area most of her life.

She was a member of the Gold Star Mothers Club.

Her husband, Edward A. Daigneau, died in 1968.

She leaves three sons, Arthur E. of Agawam, Earl D. of Feeding Hills, and Paul W. of Ocala, Florida; two daughters, Pat Violett of Agawam and Marie McDonnell of West Springfield; 27 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Dorothy N. Phillips

Dorothy N. (Hobbs) Phillips, 90, of 886 Main Street, Agawam, a retired registered nurse at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, died recently in a local nursing home.

She worked at the hospital for 40 years.

Born in Ellenburg, New York, she was raised in Vermont and lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam 60 years ago.

She was a 1928 graduate of Castleton (Vermont) College, and a 1932 graduate of the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing.

She was communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a charter member of the Catholic Women's Club.

Her husband, Frank E. Phillips, died in 1963.

She leaves two sons, John F. of Annapolis, Maryland, and Robert M. of Sullivan, Maine; a brother, Clement Hobbs of Agawam; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, Agawam, and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Celeste V. Cola

Celeste V. (Polvere) Cola, 77, of 368 Springfield Street, Agawam, died recently at Memorial Hospital in Worcester.

Born in East Orange, New Jersey, she was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church and a long-time resident of Agawam.

Her husband, Dr. Neil A. Cola, died in 1980.

She leaves two sons, Neil R. of Boston and Wesley F. of Auburn; two daughters, Norma A. Cola of Forest Hills, New York, and Veronica A. Cola of New York; and a sister, Olga Cola of Longmeadow.

The funeral was held at Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home of Springfield and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

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Vouvray Le Droissy From France (750 ml.)	\$5.49	Franzia (5 Ltr. Bag Box)	
Presidential 20 Yrs. Tawny Porto Decanter (750 ml.)	\$29.99	Chablis, Blush, Rhine, Chillable Red, French Colombar, Sangria, Cuvee Blanc, White Grenache, Westfield Red	\$7.49
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Carlo Rossi (4 Ltrs.)	\$7.49		

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Finlandia Vodka (1.75 Ltr.) \$20.99	Bacardi Rum (1.75 Ltr.) \$15.99	Smirnoff Vodka (1.75 Ltr.) \$15.99	Mt. Gay Rum (1.75 Ltr.) \$19.99	Cider Jack Hard Cider (12 Pk.) \$8.99	Gray Goose Vodka (750 ml.) \$22.99

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From May 17th Town Council Mtg. -

"A Piece Of The News"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

For the second time in as many years, Town Council approved pay raises for all of the town's elected officials after a three-member committee appointed by President **Donald M. Rheault** to "review salaries of the Mayor, council, and School Committee and all boards here and other communities and to draft an ordinance or resolution accordingly," recommended the pay hikes.

The pay increases will become effective in January 2000 and will affect the office holders who are elected in the November election.

As chairwoman of the salary review committee, Councilor **Jill Simpson** said the committee arrived at its unanimous recommendations after reviewing information provided by the Massachusetts Municipal Association relating to municipal salaries across the state, as well as the methodology other communities use to determine the level of compensation for elected officials.

"We decided all three positions are very time-consuming, the demands are high, and we feel that people need to be compensated for the time they put into this," Mrs. Simpson said. "This position is not just an hour or two at the public meetings twice a month."

But, the full council was less than unanimous in approving the pay raises, which doubled the salary for the School Committee, upped the council salary by more than 40 percent, and added \$5,000 to the Mayor's salary.

Councilor **George Bitzas**, who voted against all three raises, said the pay increases were too much and came too soon after the previous council approved large percentage raises for the positions.

Councilors **Edward Caba** and **Dennis Perry** joined Bitzas in turning thumbs down on raising the School Committee salary from \$1,750 to \$3,500 for the six elected School Committee members. The Mayor does not receive compensation for serving as the chairman of the School Committee.

Perry and Bitzas voted against raising the Town Council salary from \$3,500 to \$6,000, and giving the council president an additional \$1,000 for serving as the presiding officer. But, Perry did support the motion to raise the Mayor's salary to \$65,000, an increase of \$5,000, because he believes the position was underpaid.

"I look at this as a commitment to the community, not a job," Perry said. "I didn't run for office for the money. I ran to help the community improve. The monthly check doesn't compensate us for our time."

Councilors **Nancy Thompson** and **John Negruci** serve as members of the salary review committee.

The council was unanimous in reappointing **Mary Hunter**, 74 Senator Avenue, Agawam, to a four-year term on the Board of Registrars, and in reappointing **Robert Vanderhoof**, 47 Willowbrook Drive, Agawam, to a five-year term on the Liquor Licensing Commission.

Michael J. Jawitz, 17 Wyman Street, Agawam, was reappointed to a three-year term on the Board of Health in an 8-2 vote, with Councilors **Jill Simpson** and **Gary Geiger** voting against.

Unanimous approval was given for an application to store 1,000 gallons of gasoline in an aboveground storage tank at St. Anne's Country Club.

Senator Melconian Gains Funding For Agawam Group Home

Senate Majority Leader **Linda J. Melconian** (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that the Department of Housing and Community Development has awarded a \$113,326 grant to assist with improvements to the Edgewater Road facility.

Edgewater, a group residence home for the mentally retarded, will use these funds to improve access for the handicapped and improve the building's heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.

"This facility provides a safe, caring environment for disabled individuals," said Melconian. "Improving the living environment for our mentally retarded is one of the greatest services we can provide them."

The money for this funding was supplied by the federal government through the Housing Development Support Program, a component of the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program. The program helps states build or improve low-income housing through small-scale grants.

Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237
"Operation Recognition"

On Thursday, May 20th, I attended an "Operation Recognition" program at Gardner High School, where 37 veterans of World War II were awarded high school diplomas.

These veterans left high school to serve their country during World War II. To date, several communities in the state have participated in the program, and it is spreading throughout the state AND nationwide.

There will be a lot more news on this in the upcoming weeks about Agawam's plan to participate in "Operation Recognition" for our World War II veterans. The program in Gardner was one of the most moving experiences I've seen.

Below is a poem written by one of the senior class students for the occasion that touched my heart as it will yours:

War

Bullets flying past your head
Another friend just pronounced dead.
Your flag is burning to the ground
Cries of hatred, the only sound.
Bombs being dropped from planes in the sky
Soldiers struggling to stay alive.
Painful sores, blood and wounds
The life in you, so soon removed.
Men lying dead, no expression on their faces
Not expecting this war ground would be their resting places.
You knew war was bad, but this is absurd
Think of your mother, when she receives word.
The last breath you breathe should be 60 years gone by.
Not right this minute, with no chance for good-bye's.
Thinking of you in the heavens up high
So many what's and how's and why's?
I cannot change your fate's result
That you died just barely being an adult.
So as you look down upon all
Know you're a hero in the eyes of all.

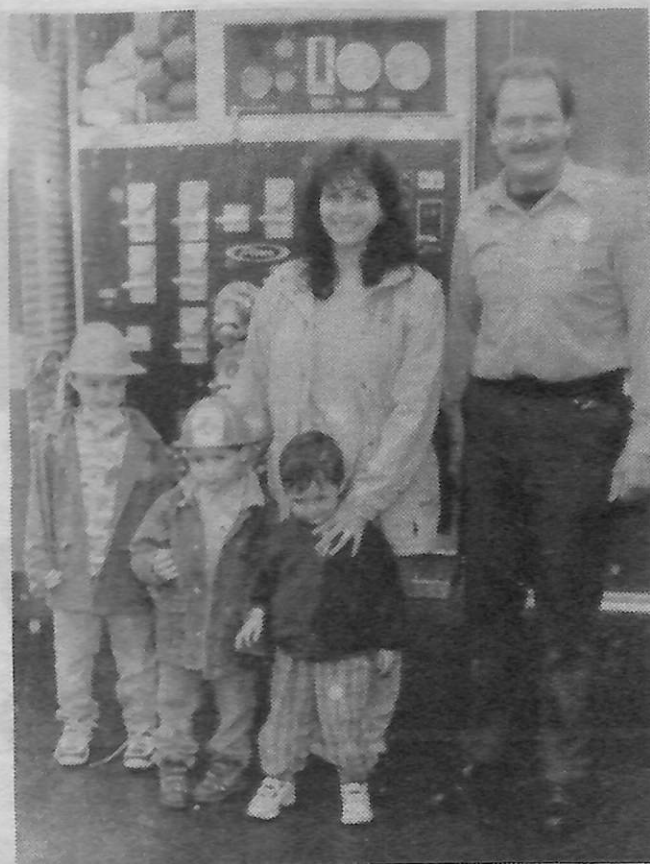
Kristina Cleveland
Senior, Gardner High School

Please join us on Memorial Day (Monday, May 31st) for Agawam's Memorial Day parade and ceremonies.

The parade step-off time is 10:30 a.m. from the Southworth Paper Company for a one-mile march to the Veterans' Green on Main Street, where ceremonies will be held.

"There is a price for Freedom, that the protected will never know."

Ruth C. Bitzas' "Veterans' Corner" is a regular feature of The Agawam Advertiser News...



TINA LIQUORI with her three sons — **Angelo, Domenic, and Victor** — and **Karl Schmaelzle**, President of the Agawam Permanent Firefighters Association. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Angelo Liquori Recognized For "Heroic" Deed

Recently, Jonathan Briggs came into the town's fire station (number two) to tell us about how his grandson saved his brother from hanging.

Domenic Liquori, age four, was playing on a Little Tike playhouse and went up the chimney while he was wearing his bike helmet. The helmet got caught in the chimney, and Domenic was hanging by it.

His older brother, six year-old Angelo, went to get help from his mother. He probably saved his brother's life by doing this.

After hearing this story, Dave Walles and Karl Schmaelzle (President of the Agawam Permanent Firefighters Association) told Mr. Briggs that they would be more than happy to recognize this wonderful deed. They gave all three Liquori brothers (including two year-old Victor) a little gift, a gift certificate to Toys "R" Us, and a certificate for Angelo.

Having saved his brother's life is something he should be proud of for the rest of his life. We are all proud of Angelo.



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BENJAMIN TYLER GEROW

Jack & Margaret Devine Are Grandparents Again!

Agawam Advertiser News photographer Jack Devine and his wife, Margaret, are proud grandparents again! This is their ninth grandchild.

Benjamin Tyler Gerow was born on May 13, 1999, weighing seven pounds, eight ounces, and measuring 22 inches long.

Benjamin was welcomed home by his very proud big sister, Kayleen, and his parents, Cathleen (Devine) and Gregg Gerow of Southwick.

Benjamin is the first grandson of Lillian Gerow of Sebring, Florida, and Wallace and Margaret Gerow of Dade City, Florida. He is also the 14th great-grandchild of Myrna Sleeper of Zephyrhills, Florida.

Benjamin was also welcomed by seven aunts and uncles, and eight other cousins.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 31st: Memorial Day (Senior Center closed).

Tuesday, June 1st: Strip steak on an open-faced sandwich with peppers and onions, tomato and cucumber salad, peaches.

Wednesday, June 2nd: Roast turkey with gravy, pan-roasted potatoes, summer squash, whole wheat rolls, sunshine muffin.

Thursday, June 3rd: Sweet and sour ribs, Oriental rice, mixed vegetables, oat bread, banana pudding.

Friday, June 4th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, cole slaw, rye bread, pears.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Agawam Lioness Holding Coverlet Sale

There are two beautiful colors available; cranberry and heritage blue.

What a beautiful graduation gift for those graduates going away to college. What father would not treasure such a thoughtful gift on Father's Day?

All proceeds are used for Lioness charities. For more information, call Pat Lalancette at 786-1782.

(These Agawam historical coverlets are on display at the Town Library and at Town Hall.)

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There is no charge to place engagement, wedding, and birth notices in The Agawam Advertiser News...

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J.T. Kukowski Promoted To Lt. Colonel In USAF

J.T. Kukowski has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Kukowski, a navigator, has served in the military for 17 years and has served as an instructor navigator and wing navigator during his military tenure.

Currently, Kukowski serves as chief of Force Management Branch, Resource Division, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of John T. Kukowski of 23 Robin Lane, Feeding Hills, and Harriet S. Howland of 31 Starling Road, Springfield.

The colonel graduated in 1976 from Technical High School in Springfield and received a bachelor's degree in 1982 from Western New England College. He earned his master's degree in 1988 from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona, Florida.

Daniel A. Markin Is Now An Air Force Senior Airman

Daniel A. Markin has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman.

Markin is a strategic missile maintenance technician assigned to the 2nd Munitions Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, Louisiana.

He is the son of Teresa M. Oehler of 23103 Hampton Forest Lane, Spring, Texas and Barry B. Markin of 115 Menard, Rockford, Illinois.

His wife, Kathleen, is the daughter of Michael J. Ferrero of 21 Emerson Road, Agawam and Carolyn S. Ferrero of 207 Lynwood Drive, Salem, Illinois.

The senior airman is a 1994 graduate of Klein Oak High School, Spring, Texas.

Postal Food Drive...



ON SATURDAY, MAY 8TH, Kim Eyer (above) was just one of many area letter carriers who collected cans and packages of food for the Postal Service's food drive. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

ADVERTISER NEWS

We've been keeping something under our hat...

Bring The Whole Family!



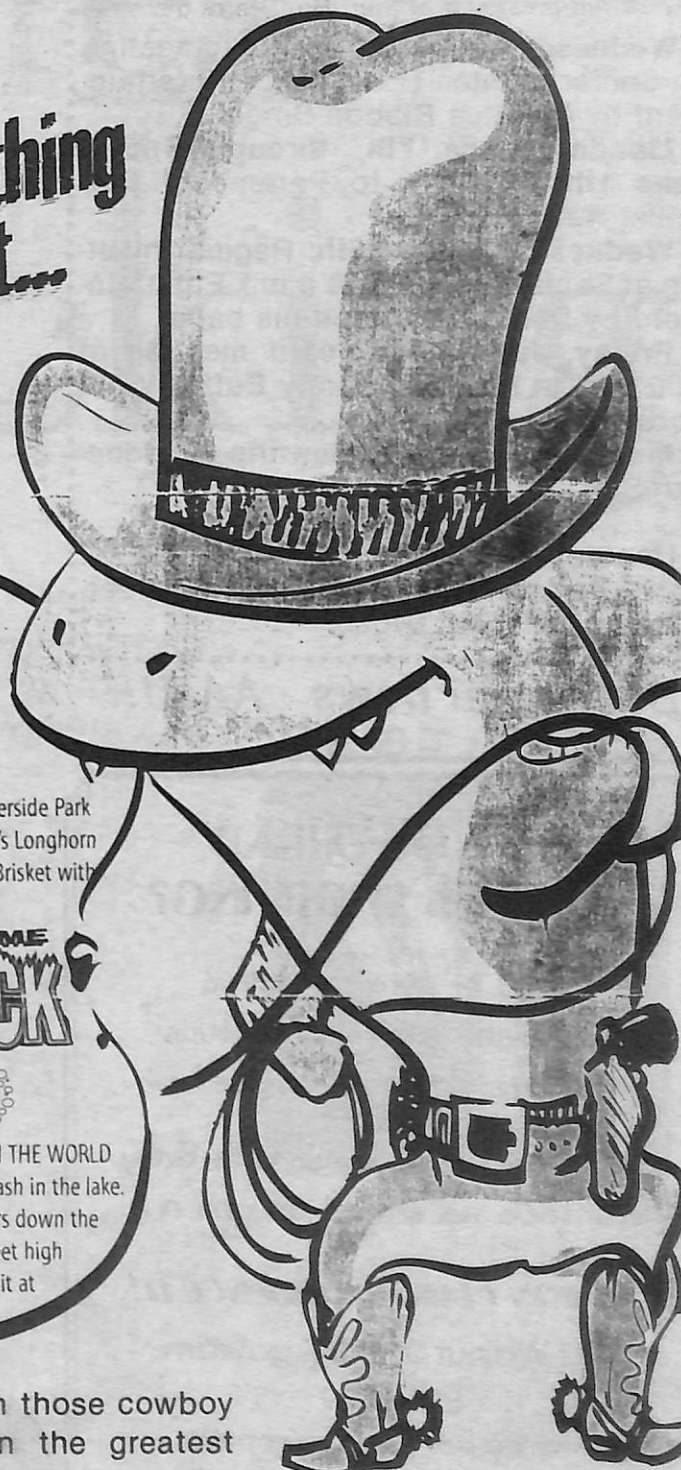
An entirely new western section of Riverside Park that has four raucous rides and Big Ben's Longhorn Barbeque...serving up its famous Beef Brisket with down home hospitality. PLUS...



The first TURBO water slide complex IN THE WORLD debuts at Riverside. This is no small splash in the lake.

Turbo water jets actually propel riders down the half enclosed, half exposed 45 feet high super slides. You'll only find it at Riverside!

Memorial Day — So strap on those cowboy boots and come reeling down the greatest water slide complex in the country!



Agawam Lions Take Pride In Antique Autos...



AT THE LIONS CLUB'S antique car show: back row - Bob Germano, Bob Campbell, Chris Johnson, and Bob Loomis; front row - Bob Taupier, Joe Bianca, and George Favreau. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LAST MONTH, the Agawam Lions Club held an antique car show on the grounds of Agawam High School. Pictured above are members of the car show committee (from left to right): Joe Bianca (committee chairman), Bob Taupier, Bob Campbell (Lions Club President), Bob Loomis, and George Favreau. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Calendar Of June Events From Golden Age Club (Chapter 2)

Wednesday, June 2nd: Regular meeting at Senior Center (1:30 p.m.). Entertainment by the Blue Ribbon Singers.

Monday, June 7th, through Friday, June 11th: Bus trip to Paramount Catskills, New York.

Wednesday, June 16th: Regular meeting at Senior Center (1:30 p.m.). Entertainment by Donald Blair and his banjo.

Friday, June 25th: Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Old Country Buffet, West Springfield.

Monday, June 28th: Bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino.

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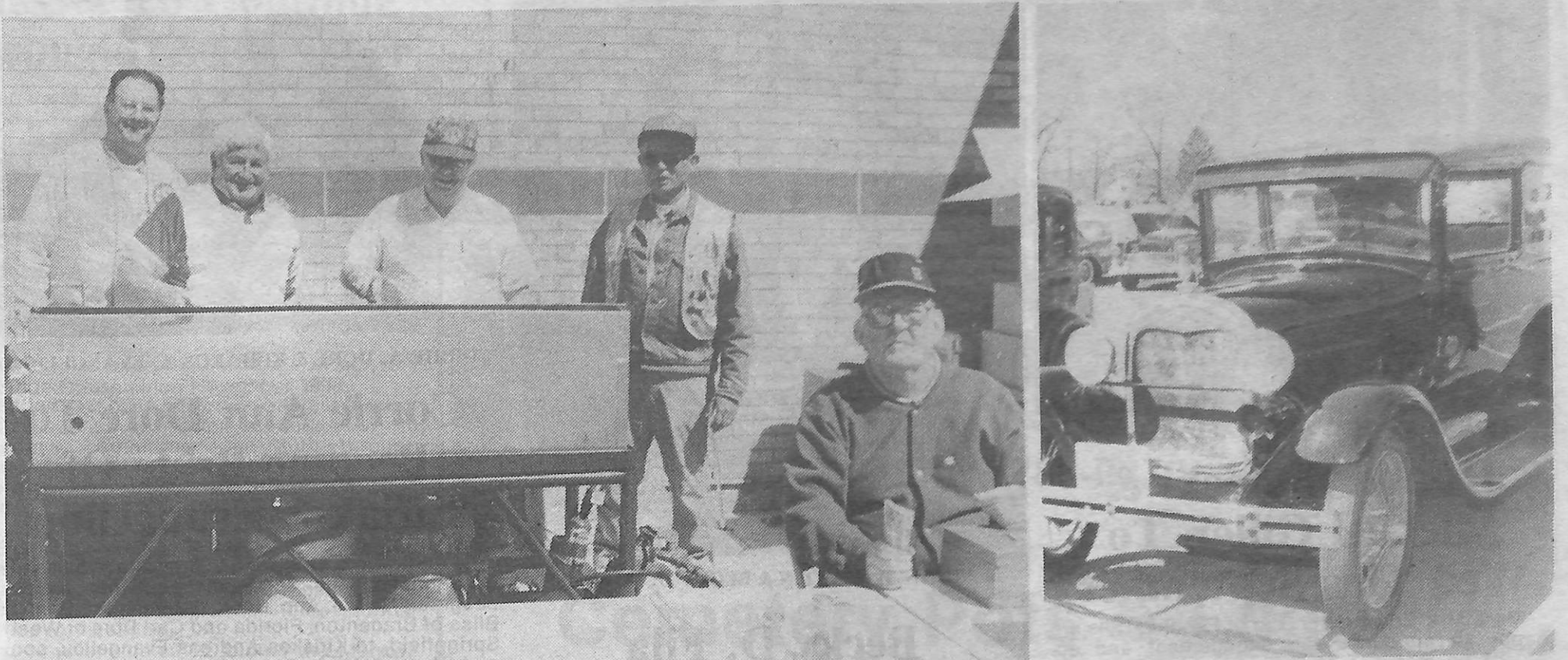


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AT THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB'S antique car show on the grounds of Agawam High School: in left photo - "grillmeisters" Ray Olson, Charlie Calabrese, Jim Loomis, and Ray Favreau (standing), and "cash box manager" George Schlagel (seated); in right photo - a close-up of one of the vintage vehicles that were on display at the car show. Advertiser News photos Jack Devine.

Class Of '39 Slates Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1939 is looking for some fellow classmates for our 60th class reunion in October.

If anyone knows of someone's whereabouts from the following list, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you:

Roy Anderson, Romeo Borgatti, Gloria Brown, Esther Burnett, Wilton Clark, Evelyn Mae Gardiner, Wilbert Humphlett, Henrietta Kreczko Rich, Rita Magnuson Strong, Irene Mulak Loomis, and Kathleen Norris Letellier.

Please write or call Margaret Deloghia Flynn, 40 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, MA 01001, 413-786-9210 or Zoafia Subotin Demko, 16 Concord Rd., P.O. Box 14, Southwick, MA 01077, 413-569-3174.

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DONNA BOBECKI & MICHAEL GILLEN

Donna Bobeck & Michael Gillen To Wed This September

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bobeck of Feeding Hills are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Donna of Mystic, Connecticut, to Michael Gillen, also of Mystic.

Donna graduated from Agawam High School. She received her associate's degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Holyoke Community College, a bachelor of science degree from the University of New Haven, Connecticut in Hotel and Restaurant Management, and a master of arts degree in teaching from Sacred Heart University in Connecticut.

She is employed as a vocational counselor with Community Enterprises in Gales Ferry, Connecticut.

Michael is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Gillen of Stonington, Connecticut. He graduated from Stonington High School and received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Massachusetts.

He is the owner of Mystic Gem Co. in Mystic, Connecticut.

The wedding will take place in Mystic on September 4, 1999.



JOHN M. MARTIN & BECKY D. FILA

Becky D. Fila Engaged To Wed John M. Martin

Frank and Diane Fila of Feeding Hills, along with Red and Mary Martin of Agawam, are pleased to announce the engagement of Becky D. Fila and John M. Martin.

The future bride is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School. She is currently employed by her family at a local, family-owned business.

The future groom is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from American International College, and is currently employed at National Marketing Services of Edison, New Jersey.

Parents and friends are looking forward to a Catholic wedding, which has been planned for June of this year.



CORRIE A. DORE & KIRIAKOS A. EVANGELIOU

Corrie Ann Dore To Become Bride Of Kiriakos Evangeliou

Jeanette Dore of Silver St., Agawam is pleased to announce the engagement of her granddaughter, Corrie Ann Dore, daughter of Donna Bliss of Bradenton, Florida and Carl Dore of West Springfield, to Kiriakos Andreas Evangeliou, son of Andreas & Maria Evangeliou of Chicopee.

Corrie is a 1989 graduate of West Springfield High School and graduated with honors from the University of South Florida in Tampa with a B.A. in French and Italian.

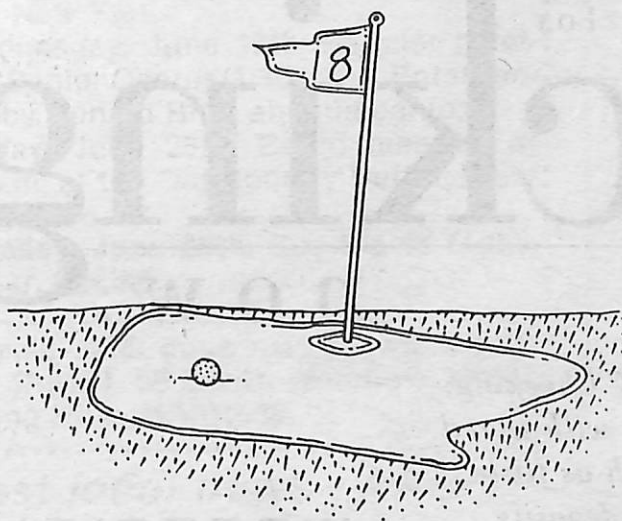
Kiriakos is a graduate of Chicopee High School and Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island with a B.S. in Finance. Both of them work at Cigna Financial Services in Hartford, Connecticut.

Corrie is a senior distribution sales specialist and Kiriakos works in another department as a broker operations manager.

The couple plan an October 24, 1999 wedding and will reside in Southwick.

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STV Tai Chi Classes To Continue Through The Summer

By popular request, the STV Tai Chi classes will continue through summer months every Monday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Springfield Turnverein, located at 176 Garden Street in Feeding Hills.

Tai Chi is an exercise for all ages. It can be easily adapted to accommodate physical abilities and limitations of each individual. The slow, flowing movements of the Tai Chi form help to improve concentration, coordination, flexibility, and balance while relaxing the mind. Regular practice strengthens the major muscle groups and reduces stress.

Baiqing Li has been the instructor of our very well-attended class since November 1998.

Since there has been shown an interest in evening classes, he will offer a series of 10 Wednesdays, beginning June 30th through September 1st, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The charges for this class have to be paid in advance when registering.

The STV is planning an Area Tai Chi Picnic on Saturday, July 24th. It will be a first in this area, and we extend an invitation to all people to enjoy this event on our beautiful grounds. More information will be forthcoming.

If anyone is interested in joining the Monday morning or Wednesday evening class, please call Christa Strehl at 786-0143.

We are also offering Kung Fu and Shaolin Staff classes taught by Grandmaster and World Champion Jianqiang Hu, sponsored by Master Baiqing Li, School of Tai Chi.

The Beginning Kung Fu Children class is held on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and for Adults from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. On Thursdays, Shaolin Staff for Children from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and for Adults from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Classes are scheduled to run 12 weeks starting June 7th through August 26th.

The charges for this class have to be paid in advance when registering. Please call the School of Tai Chi at 788-9888 for more information.

Host Families Being Sought For Foreign Students

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is currently seeking families to host exchange students who will be seniors at Agawam High School during the 1999-2000 school year.

The students arrive in mid-August and hail from countries from all over the world. Currently, there are five AFS students at AHS representing the countries of the Czech Republic, Brazil, Belgium, Germany, and Chile for the 1998-1999 school year.

AFS is the largest student exchange program in the USA. Agawam AFS is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1999. The AFS Community Chapter includes 15 active board members and a faculty advisor at AHS, Mary Ellen Bruce, a member of the foreign language department at the school.

Many families in Agawam have successfully hosted exchange students through Agawam AFS over the past 25 years and have formed lifetime bonds with their "new family member." Many former Agawam AFS exchange students have returned to our community to visit over the years, and many of our Agawam host families have traveled abroad to visit their former host student in their respective country.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student through AFS, or are interested in more information about AFS, call Family Selection Committee co-chairpersons Debbie & Craig Struck at 786-6760, faculty advisor Mary Ellen Bruce at Agawam High School, 821-0530 (weekdays), or chapter president Ric Sardella at 786-7747 (days) or 789-2005 (nights).

TOASTMASTERS Meet In Agawam Twice A Month

Agawam/West Side TOASTMASTERS, a club which promotes better communication and speaking skills, meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the meeting room of Country Estates, 1200 Suffolk Street, Agawam.

The public is invited to attend for free.

For more information, call Jim, 789-2925, or Richard, 786-0887.

Children To Exhibit Projects At Agawam Junior Women's Club's Craft Fair

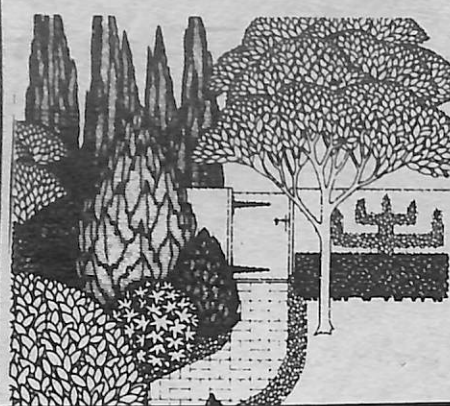
Children of all ages will be able to exhibit Arts and Craft Projects during the Agawam Junior Women's Craft Fair. The fair is on Saturday, June 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street.

Anyone interested in exhibiting his or her art or craft project can bring the item to the fair that morning and you can pick up your art after the fair. The Youth Art Exhibit will be on display inside

the Leonard House. Admission to the fair is free. Ribbons and certificates will be given out to the artists.

If you have any questions regarding the Youth Art Exhibit, contact Diane Graveline at 786-5540.

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Installation Banquet For Agawam Lioness...



ON MONDAY, MAY 3RD, the Agawam Lioness Club held its installation of officers at Storowton Tavern in West Springfield. From left to right: Marianne Campbell, Shirley Poirier, Pat Lalancette, Alice Olson, Helen Elkas, Lillian Doyle, and Cindy Porowski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Joanne Rocca (1st Vice-President), Joann McGeoghan (Co-President), Beverly Tetreault (Co-President), and Ann Jakobek (2nd Vice-President). IN RIGHT PHOTO: Beverly Tetreault and Joann McGeoghan, Co-Presidents for 1999-2000, with Marianne Campbell, outgoing President. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Junior Women's Club Supports 'Buckle-Up America Week'

"Buckle-Up America Week" is May 24th-31st, and the Agawam Junior Women's Club is urging everyone to Buckle Up for the Memorial Day Weekend and every day on.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in partnership with the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign, will again be leading the campaign to increase seatbelt use and child passenger safety through the *Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children*. Buckle Up America is the national movement to raise seatbelt use to 85 percent and reduce child crash fatalities 15 percent the year 2000.

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- Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death and injury to children ages 0-15.

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This information has been provided by Buckle Up America. For more information, visit the NHTSA web site at www.nhtsa.dot.gov or write to Buckle Up America, NHTSA, NTS-21, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Massachusetts.

Chicken Barbecue Slated At The Spfld. Turnverein

Come join us for a chicken barbecue at the Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills on Saturday, June 5th beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The menu will include baked chicken, baked potato, vegetable, roll and butter, coffee or tea, and dessert.

Cost will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 years of age and younger. You may enjoy the use of our grounds to eat outdoors or eat inside.

Reservations may be made with Erna at 592-4218 or at the club at 786-0924. Deadline will be Wednesday, June 2nd.

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Church News

Rummage Sale At St. John's Church...



AT THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB'S RUMMAGE SALE: above -Carol Pignatare, Betsy Ciempa, Joan Malinoski, Gloria Colby, and Jane Schmidt; below - Jack Coleman.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



ON SATURDAY, MAY 1ST, the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam conducted a rummage sale at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam. Selling sweaters were Alice Buell, Barbara Pfau, Bernice Beck, and Carolyn Capitanio. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



9th Annual McCobb Golf Tourney Scheduled For Sat., June 5th

The Agawam Congregational Church will hold its Ninth Annual Charlie McCobb Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 5th, at St. Anne's Golf Course in Feeding Hills, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

All golfers are welcome: men, women, seniors, and youths. There is a \$35 fee, which includes greens, cart, and a buffet dinner (which will begin at 6:30 p.m.) For tee times and reservations, call

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We Remember...

All around America this weekend, our country will pay tribute to the brave men and women whose lives were sacrificed in war for the sake of our freedom. An Act of Congress sets aside the last Monday in May to remember and honor our war dead. It is important that we interrupt our usual activities for such remembrances, lest we forget that the freedom we so easily enjoy was not so easily secured. Our freedom is indeed a costly and precious asset.

Freedom has always cost somebody something. Those who have lost loved ones in war know and appreciate the high cost of freedom. We can live and raise our families in safety because of what others have done for us. All of us appreciate our freedom; we certainly wouldn't want to live any other way.

God's plan for our lives is that we should be perfectly free; free from the power and effects of sin. The freedom God provides also cost Him something, the life of His Son. Jesus Christ was sacrificed on the cross to break the bondages of sin and to secure perfect freedom for us.

The freedom Christ provides is perfect because it extends beyond this life, into eternity. We can live in eternal safety because of what somebody else has done for us. All of us can understand and appreciate our temporary, earthly freedom; can we also understand and appreciate the eternal and perfect freedom God wants to give each of us?

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God knows how easily people can forget important facts of history. This is especially true as time passes.

For example, in the Book of Deuteronomy we read: "In the future, when your son asks you, 'What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees, and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?', tell him: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out with a mighty hand. Before our eyes the Lord sent miraculous signs and wonders, great and terrible, upon Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household.'

"But He brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land that he promised on oath to our forefathers. The Lord commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the Lord our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today."

Elsewhere in the same Book, we see this admonition: "Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after time."

To the generation which struggles in a major conflict, whether that conflict is a war of this century or the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt, it is virtually unthinkable that people would ever forget what happened. Nevertheless, it was necessary for God to command the people of Israel to memorialize their deliverance from slavery in Egypt because He understands human nature.

In a similar fashion, Jesus Christ wants us to never forget what he did for us by dying on the cross and by so doing obtaining perfect freedom for us; a freedom which we can enjoy in this world and take into eternity.

He told His disciples, "Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I commanded you."

Then Jesus said one more thing to them, which is for our benefit as well: "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet In W. Spfld. On June 4th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at the Dominican Nuns Chapel in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, June 4th from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

ADVERTISER NEWS

Spaghetti Supper & Benefit Dinner Theatre Scheduled At Valley Community Church

For Adam, the new creature Eve is a nuisance preoccupied with filling the hut with flowers, redecorating, and giving odd names to the animals of Eden.

To Eve, Adam is an oddity consumed with thumping melons, resting, and indulging in his new discovery — humor.

The two (newly created and about to learn some hard but comical lessons about themselves and life) are the subject of the musical "Adam and Eve" by Jerry Boch and adapted by Sheldon Harnick from Mark Twain's book.

The musical will be part of a dinner theatre package offered at The Red Door Theatre and sponsored by the Valley Community Church as a benefit for its new pastor, whose family is moving

to Agawam from Illinois. The ticket money proceeds will go to help defray those costs.

Included in the package is a spaghetti supper to be held in Dunn Hall downstairs in the church at 6:30 p.m., to be followed by the performance at The Red Door Theatre (across the parking lot).

This is for one performance only — Saturday, June 5th — and will feature award-winning actor/directors Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora, and veteran stage performer Steve Sands of Agawam as the snake.

The cost for the dinner theatre is \$12.50 for adults and \$7.50 for seniors and children under 12. Reservations are a must and may be made by calling the church, (413) 786-2445, or the theatre, (413) 789-2026.

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Church News - continued...

Valley Comm. Church Awaits Arrival Of New Minister

The congregation at Valley Community Church is counting down the days until their new pastor, Rev. Gene de Jongh, arrives from Cedarville, Illinois. Sunday, June 13th will mark his first official worship service at the church, which sits high atop the hill at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, MA.

A special installation service will take place that evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with several local ministers assisting (including former interim pastors, Rev. Robert Loesch, Pastor James Jasmin, and Pastor Stephen Dennehy). Rev. Len Cowan of St. David's Episcopal Church will preside over the ceremony.

The community is invited to both services to welcome this new shepherd into the Christian community, and to meet with his wife, Claire, and sons, Chris and Nate.

This Sunday, May 30th, we will continue to praise and worship God under the leadership of interim minister, Pastor Loesch. His message continues to follow the lessons of the seven churches found in The Book of Revelation.

The scripture this week is from Rev. 3: 14-19. Fellowship follows the 9:30 a.m. service, and Sunday School and Bible Class are at 11:00 a.m.

The choirs will meet on Wednesday, June 2nd. Junior choir will rehearse for their Bible musical at 6:15 p.m. Senior choir will meet at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, June 5th, the Parish Life Committee will sponsor a Benefit Dinner Theatre to help defray the moving expenses of the de Jongh family to our community.

A spaghetti supper will be held in Dunn Hall at the church at 6:30 p.m., followed by a production of the musical comedy "Adam and Eve" from "The Apple Tree" at The Red Door Theatre. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults, and \$7.50 for seniors and children under 12. For tickets, call 789-2026.

The Valley Community Church is a non-denominational church that welcomes all who follow Christ and would know his love and teachings.

Please call the church at 786-2445 for information on our services, activities, and membership.

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Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, May 30th, is Trinity Sunday at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. The 10:30 a.m. Worship Service will also be the Community Memorial Day Service.

Members from the Veterans' Council will be in attendance. They will present an Honor Guard prior to the service.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "We Shall Remember Them," taken from Text: John 15:13. His Children's Message will be, "Please Take a Moment to Remember."

There will not be any Church School Classes.

Club K-4 (kindergarten through fourth grade) will meet on Sunday night, May 30th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Next Sunday, June 6th, will be Church School Day, Senior and Teacher Recognition Day. The 1999 Confirmation Class will also receive their Bibles.

Join us for this special service.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

We are looking for small stuffed animals (new or almost new) to give out as prizes for the carnival at the "Spring into Summer Fair" on June 5th.

Call the church office, 786-7111, to drop off the prizes.

The Ninth Annual Charlie McCobb Memorial

Pot Roast Dinner At St. David's Church

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Pot Roast Dinner on Monday, June 7th at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include pot roast, oven roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea and juice, and dessert.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door. Due to a sellout on the last three dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:30 p.m. without prior arrangements.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Golf Course.

All golfers are welcome, and there will be prizes, prizes, and more prizes!

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Family & Youth Outreach Ministries.

The "Spring into Summer Fair" is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be crafts, flea market finds, a carnival area, a delicious luncheon, and surprises. Join us!

For further information, contact the church office, 786-7111.

The Summer Church School Program will begin on Sunday, June 13th.

Mark your calendars today! The Annual Strawberry Supper is scheduled for Thursday, June 17th, at 5:30 p.m. The menu includes ham and beans, potato salad, rolls, coffee or tea, and homemade strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream.

All this for \$7 for an adult ticket, and \$4 for children 10 and under.

The Summer Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, June 19th (Father's Day). Worship Service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Vacation Bible Camp is planned for July 26th through July 30th. It will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the Church Office at 786-7111.

First Baptist's Trading Post's Final Sale On Wednesday, June 9th

Call your neighbors and friends and come to the First Baptist Church Trading Post's final sale of the season.

Everything will be one-half off on Wednesday, June 9th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

A \$4 Bag Sale will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Don't miss out on the best sale of the season! (Please note: Pay Day will be May 9th instead of May 16th.)

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Please be sure to vote and turn in your ballots for the Council on the weekend of June 5th and 6th.

Ballots will be available at the Masses on those days.

BIBLE CAMP

Our Annual Bible Camp will be held the week of July 5th-9th from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This camp is for children ages four through eight.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Volunteers, teens, and adults are still needed.

Please call Sister Fran Gloster at 786-8105.

DIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING

The third annual Diocesan Gathering of youth will take place on Sunday, June 27th, at Camp Holy Cross in Goshen.

All students in grades seven through 12 are invited to attend this day of recreation, music, Mass, and food. Cost is only \$5.

For registration/information, call Sister Fran Gloster at 786-8105.

1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

A letter for pre-registration for Religious Education for next September was mailed recently. The deadline for returning the form is August 1st.

If there are any problems or questions, call Sister Francis Gloster at 786-8105.

JUBILEE 2000

Have you signed up yet for one of the many projects we hope to orchestrate for the "Jubilee Year 2000"? Time is slipping by rather quickly.

Each of the clubs and organizations in the parish is encouraged to be involved in at least one such project.

OVER-60 CLUB BANQUET

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Colosseum on June 3rd. Arrival time is 12:00 noon, and dinner is at 12:30 p.m.

Those who have not yet made reservations may call Lorraine at 786-4049.

ANointing MASS

Our Annual Anointing Mass will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 5th. We invite all of our shut-ins who are able to come to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. A reception will follow.

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. On Sunday morning, service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

The lectionary readings for the first Sunday after Pentecost will be Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "The Come and Go Church."

Children are invited to attend worship with adults. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

On Sunday, May 30th, and again the following week, we will take our annual Strengthen the Church collection. Today, as 2,000 years ago, the Holy Spirit calls us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the spiritually hungry world. We can do that through our gifts to this "thank" offering, which supports the present-day Apostles who have been called into action.

The Strengthen the Church Offering also underwrites many of the programs and resources used by our pastoral and lay leaders.

Now and through June 13th, the Board of Stewardship & Missions is taking a collection of Health and School kits for Church World Services. The refugee crisis in Kosovo has depleted inventories of these kits.

Checklists for the contents of each kit are available in Griswold Hall by the bulletin board. Please return completed kits to the box here at the church.

CWS is now asking that you include \$1/kit to help cover transit costs of kits to their final destination. If you choose to do so, you may leave the money with the kit, or in the Stewardship mailbox.

Please help CWS replenish their stocks by furnishing a kit or two!

There will be a special meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church called by the Council on Sunday, June 6th, immediately following the worship service. Also on that Sunday, we will have a buffet luncheon to be followed by a Church Mission Statement meeting.

This will be an informal meeting for us to identify our hopes for the future. Please plan on remaining after worship on June 6th to participate in both of these important meetings.

Thank you to all who helped with the tag sale/car wash sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. The event was even more successful than last year!

Worship services on Sunday morning will begin on 9:30 a.m., starting with Communion Sunday on June 6th.

There was a wallet found at the church following the Cub Scout picnic held on Sunday, May 16th. If the wallet belongs to you, or you think you know its owner, please call the church office at 786-5061 to make arrangements to pick it up.

On the calendar:

Friday, May 28th: 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, Creative Memories.

Sunday, May 30th: 10:00 a.m., Worship; Strengthen the Church collection.

Monday, May 31st: Memorial Day (office closed).

Tuesday, June 1st: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Wednesday, June 2nd: 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, June 3rd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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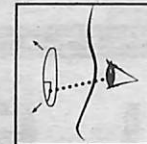
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ON THURSDAY, MAY 27TH (presstime), Riverside Park was scheduled to unveil a pair of "one-of-a-kind" additions to the Island Kingdom WaterPark — the "Shark Attack" Turbo Waterslide complex, and "Hurricane Bay" (which includes one of the largest Whirlpools in New England). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Riverside's Island Kingdom WaterPark Holds Sneak-A-Peak

It's back and better than ever! Riverside Park proudly opened the Island Kingdom WaterPark for a special sneak-a-peak on Saturday morning, May 22nd.

First opened in 1998, Island Kingdom is the largest water park in New England and features endless aquatic adventures for the entire family. Hang 10 in Commotion Ocean, a 500,000 gallon wave pool. Let the little ones live it up in Hook's Lagoon, a totally interactive and state-of-the-art water tree house.

Tie that bathing suit tight and venture to the top of the Big Kahuna. There's only one way to get down, and it's a steep, slippery slide to the bottom. The whole family can experience the Swiss Family Toboggan, an enormous rafting slide that seats six.

And don't forget, Island Kingdom is growing by 50 percent! The awesome new Shark Attack turbo water slide complex is packed with biting excitement. Relax those aching muscles at Breakers Beach in this wave pool that includes New England's largest whirlpool spa and a not-so-lazy river.

Hook's Lagoon is twice as big as last year, giving kids and parents even more opportunity to spend some quality aquatic time together.

Island Kingdom is now open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on park operating days. Admission to Island Kingdom is included in pre-paid admissions to Riverside - The Thrill Park in Agawam, Massachusetts.

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Words & Music by Julia Ward Howe
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 I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a hun - dred cir - cles; They have
 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er sound re - treat; He is
 In the beau - ty of the ill - ies, Christ was born a - cross the sea, With a

tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath
 build - ed Him an al - tar in the ev - 'ning dews and damps; I can
 sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore His judg - ment seat; O be
 glo - ry in His bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me; As He

loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His ter - ri - ble swift sword; His
 read His right - eous sen - tence by the dim and flar - ing lamps; His
 swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! Be ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our
 died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free, While

truth is march - ing on, Glo - ry! Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jahl
 day is march - ing on,
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lu - jahl His truth is march - ing on.

Spotlight On Business - continued...**Dr. Elizabeth Ryan
Joins Dr. Boraski**by Kathy Shepard
AAN Feature Writer

Dr. Andrew Boraski, a well-known Agawam optometrist, recently welcomed Dr. Elizabeth Ryan to his optometrics practice at 334 Walnut Street Extension, next to Agawam Opticians. The two optometrists have known each other through the local district society, Massachusetts Society of Optometrists, for several years.

Dr. Boraski told us, "I have the distinct pleasure of welcoming Dr. Ryan to my practice. I have known Liz for many years and am happy to have her associated with my eye health care practice. She brings the added dimension of her refractive surgery skills and consultation abilities for both before laser surgery and in follow-up. She has made it possible for us to expand our convenient evening and Saturday hours, allowing us to see patients from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. three weekdays.

"In addition, there can now be doctor's hours on Saturdays. We have a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week answering service, 365 days a year. Dr. Ryan will greatly increase our abilities to accommodate our patients," Dr. Boraski said.

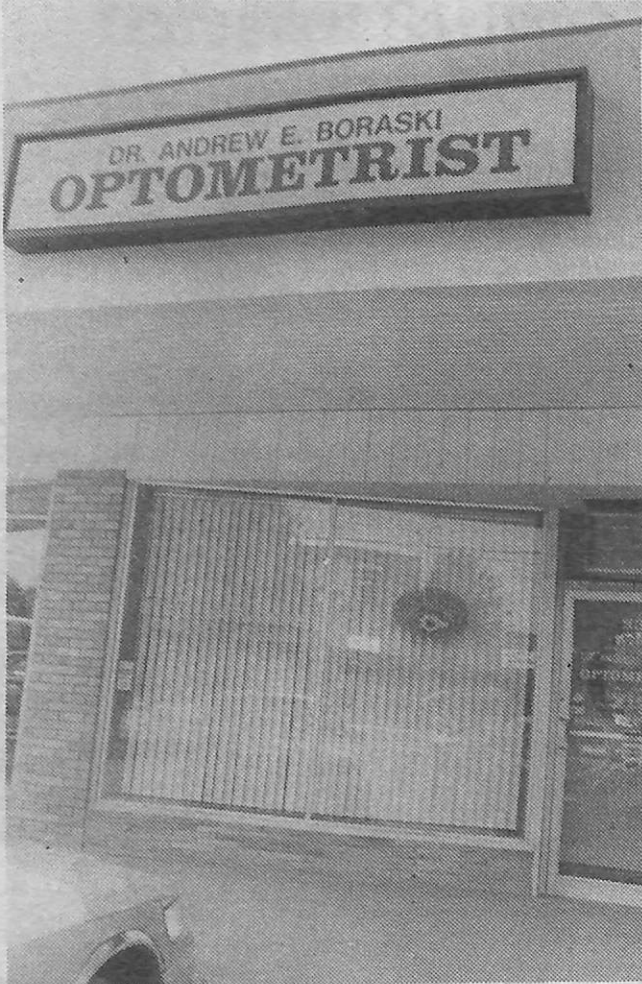
Dr. Ryan is frequently asked if she is related to the recently-retired ophthalmologist, Dr. Terry Ryan. She is not related, but did work with him at Baystate Eye Care for a time. She grew up in Northampton, attended Smith College, and graduated with an undergraduate degree in biochemistry. Smith College does not offer a pre-med undergraduate degree per se, so those planning a future in medicine must choose some other science-oriented major, according to her.

Dr. Ryan then attended New England College of Optometry, a four-year program, followed by three rotations at external clinics. One such rotation that she remembers as especially interesting took place on an Indian reservation in New Mexico that lasted three months. She completed one other clinic locally and the other in Boston.

Many Agawam residents will remember Dr. Ryan for her seven years at Medical West. She started working with Dr. Boraski in March, but has known him since 1990. She is happy with this new position. In addition to caring for patients here in Agawam, Dr. Ryan is chairwoman for Western District Massachusetts Society of Optometrists.

An Array Of Experiences And Settings...

Dr. Ryan's working background has included an array of experiences and settings. She has worked in an HMO, a group ophthalmology practice, a skilled nursing facility, and now in private prac-



THE EXTERIOR OF Dr. Andrew Boraski's office. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

tice. The practice of Drs. Boraski and Ryan basically focuses on routine and emergency eye care. They also specialize in contact lenses.

One of Dr. Ryan's specialties is consultations for patients interested in laser vision correction. She screens patients to see if they are eligible and if they meet certain criteria. Persons with diabetes, taking certain medications, or women who are pregnant would not be candidates for this treatment.

An older procedure, called radial keratotomy, is seldom used these days, she notes. Dr. Ryan ascribes to the newer procedures, which are safer and have better track records.

The practice of Drs. Boraski and Ryan is currently accepting new patients. The convenient location of this office and the combination of the qualifications of such talented professionals will contribute greatly to the resources of Agawam.



DR. ELIZABETH RYAN. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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COMMON SENSE
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**HOW TO TELL IF YOUR PLANNER
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In developing a comprehensive financial plan for your family, a financial planner may suggest that you purchase insurance to protect against financial loss. But how do you know if your "planner" is really a planner — and not an insurance agent?

Although most insurance agents are highly skilled professionals who will only sell you products that are right for you, there are still some agents who pose as "planners" in an effort to sell you as many policies as possible. Here are some signs that may mean your planner is really an insurance agent.

1. His business card carries the name of an insurance company.

Or, his telephone at work is answered with an insurance carrier's name. If either of these are true, you can expect him to recommend that company's products.

2. He makes money strictly from commissions he earns from the policies he sells.

If you don't know how your planner is compensated, just ask. If he tells you he makes money selling all sorts of products, then you can generally relax. If he tells you he only earns insurance commissions, then he's an insurance agent.

3. All of his recommendations involve the purchase of insurance policies or annuity products.

If he's truly an independent advisor, you can expect to get recommendations involving investments, mortgages, taxes, and wills — as well as insurance.

4. He's not a Registered Investment Advisor.

Under federal law, any person who provides financial advice for compensation is required to register as an investment advisor with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission or with your state regulatory agency. Insurance agents are not required to register, so if your advisor is not registered, he may be an insurance agent.

5. He does not hold a federal securities license.

Most true financial advisors hold the National Association of Securities Dealers Series 7 license, which is required in order to handle investments for a client. Some advisors hold the Series 6 instead, which limits the advisor to mutual fund recommendations. To find out if your planner has a securities license, call the NASD at 1-800-289-9999.

6. He's willing to come to your house any evening you want to discuss your case.

This is a good demonstration of personal service, but few professional planners routinely do this. But young, hungry, or inexperienced product salesman are usually the most willing to visit you at home in the evenings. Again, some pros are merely demonstrating their personal service, but it's unusual.

Remember: Insurance plays an important role in your financial planning strategy, but it is a limited role. Insurance agents often are as unaware of the broader financial implications of decisions as you are. It's OK to work with agents, provided you know that's what you're doing.

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MAUREEN KANE (left), Chairman of the Grandmothers' Garden Restoration Campaign, receives a check from Alice Babcock, Vice President and Marketing Director of Westfield Bank.

Westfield Bank Donates \$10,000 To Grandmothers' Garden Restoration

Westfield Bank President Donald A. Williams recently indicated that the bank has provided the Grandmothers' Garden Restoration Campaign with a \$10,000 donation in the form of a matching grant proposal. The Campaign is seeking to raise \$150,000 to fund the restoration of the Gardens, located directly across from the Westfield Vocational School.

At the check presentation, Maureen Kane, Campaign Chairman, indicated that, "The bank's longstanding support of this community and its historic assets, places it in a natural position of leadership which will strongly encourage others to give. This significant donation will allow us to actively solicit contributions from other area

donors."

Kane continued, "Thank you for creating this environment of goodwill and energy."

Alice M. Babcock, Vice President and Marketing Director, noted, "Westfield Bank is delighted to be able to provide this donation to help fund such a worthy cause. We are all looking forward to visiting the Gardens in the near future."

Westfield Bank is one of the largest independent banks in the area with assets of over \$580 million. Headquartered in Westfield, the bank has branches in West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick, and East Longmeadow. A new location on Main Street in downtown Springfield will open soon.

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Making Lump Sum Payments Work For You

Whether it's an inheritance, retirement plan payout, insurance settlement, or tax refund, many Americans will receive a large amount of cash in a lump sum at some point in their life. This may make you jump for joy, but it should also prompt you to think about how you can make the money best work for you.

If you've received a sizable sum and are considering what to do with it, here are a few suggestions:

Take time to weigh your options. Receiving a large amount of money is exciting and may tempt you to make an impulsive decision about spending it. It's probably wiser, however, to think carefully about how the money will affect your overall finances and how you can best use it to help reach your short- or long-term financial goals. While you're considering your options, you may want to put your cash in a low-risk, liquid investment. The money will earn a return and be readily available when you've decided what to do with it.

Review your financial goals. It may be tempting to spend your new cash on a vacation, a new car, a boat, or some other major purchase. That's OK if you spend the money on one of your top priorities. But before you spend the money, review your family's short- and long-term financial goals and consider how the money could help reach them.

Perhaps investing the money now will help pay for your child's college costs in 10 years, or maybe you're approaching retirement and increasing your savings will put your nest egg on the fast track. If you've been trying to save several months' income in cash reserves for emergencies, your lump sum may make that task easier. Whatever your goals, prioritizing them will help you decide what to do.

Pay off debt. One of the most effective ways to spend a lump sum may be to pay off high-interest debt. Such debt may include balances on credit cards and non-deductible loans for cars or other purposes. Categorize your debt according to the interest rate and pay off the debt with the highest interest rate first. After taking care of your high-interest debt, you may want to make extra payments on your mortgage or home equity loan.

Put your cash to work. Investing your cash instead of spending it may help you increase the size of your lump sum over time. One smart way to invest for long-term goals is to maximize contributions to your IRA, if you're eligible. If you meet income eligibility requirements or do not participate in an employer's plan, a traditional IRA gives you a current-year income tax deduction and tax deferral on earnings, while a Roth IRA offers tax-free distributions later instead of an up-front deduction. Whatever your retirement goals, consider consulting with a financial advisor for help in creating an investment plan and choosing securities that are suited for your investing time frame and risk tolerance.

Consider taxes. The tax consequences of your decision are important reasons to review your plans with a knowledgeable financial advisor because a large lump sum could easily change your income or estate tax situation. If your payout is from a retirement plan, for example, you may have a limited time to roll the sum into another retirement account to avoid a tax bill.

Enjoy your good fortune. Planning and investing for your future goals is important. But there's nothing wrong with using some of your cash to buy something you might not otherwise have been able to afford (or for which you would have had to take a loan). You also may want to share your good fortune through gifts to relatives, friends, or favorite charities.

Regardless of how you spend your lump sum, consider your options carefully and develop a goal-oriented investment plan to help you get the most and longest lasting financial benefit from your new-found wealth.

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Sue N. Alvanos' column, "Timely Tips," is a regular part of our "Spotlight On Business"...

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Hampden Savings Announces New Trustees & Corporators

Thomas R. Burton, Hampden Savings Bank president, has announced the following additions to the Bank's Board of Trustees and Corporators.

Attorney Dina Fein of Northampton became a member of the Board of Trustees at the Bank's Annual Meeting earlier this year. She is an Attorney with the Springfield-based law firm of Fein, Pearson, Emond & Fein.

U. Francis Florian of Wilbraham also joined the Board of Trustees earlier this year. He is Chairman & C.E.O. of New England Fidelity Insurance Company.

Joining the Bank's Board of Corporators were: Thomas Herrala of Longmeadow, the Executive Director of the Springfield Area Council for Executive Excellence.

Jeffrey Knight of Wilbraham, a principal of Knight Associates Realty, Inc.

William McGarry of Hampden, the Vice President for Administration & Finance for Springfield College.

Dinesh Patel of West Springfield, President of the Shrijee Corporation (dba Red Carpet Inn), and M.K. Investment Corp. (dba Days Inn, Connecticut).

"Most of the banks in this area are owned by and responsible to private stockholders," noted Mr. Burton. "Hampden Savings, as a Mutual Bank, is unique in that it is essentially directed by Trustees and Corporators who are community volunteers representing the interests of our depositors and the community. With this structure, our Bank remains in touch with and responsive to the needs of the community."

Hampden Savings Bank is a 146 year-old financial institution serving businesses, families, and individual customers throughout Western Massachusetts, with assets currently estimated in excess of \$200 million.

It remains the only independently operated bank headquartered in Springfield, Massachusetts.

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"Wingfest 99" Set For Thursday, June 3rd, At E.B's In Agawam

On Thursday, June 3rd, E.B's Restaurant, located at 385 Walnut Street Ext., will be holding its annual Wing Eating Contest.

This year's event, "Wingfest 99" - Chowdown for Charity, will feature two contests, one TNT wing-eating contest and one Midway wing-eating contest.

The party begins at 5:00 p.m. with the actual contests kicking off at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds of this event will benefit "The Daniel A. Larson Foundation," which was established to support the families of homicide victims.

Local favorites, "The Guitar Dudes," will guest-host the event as well as provide the evening's entertainment. There will be a wing buffet available for everyone attending. Sponsors of the event include "Sam Adams," who will be providing the beer outside under the Taylor Rental party tent!

The event has been a proven success in the past. This is the eighth consecutive year and it is open to everyone who wishes to raise money and contribute to a noble cause. Sponsorship sheets are available at E.B's, Agawam. Prizes will be awarded to the people who raise the most money. The top 10 fundraisers have first choice at entering into the contests. Prizes include a television, Jimmy Buffet concert tickets, and many certificates to local country clubs and restaurants.

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Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation has announced that Keenan & Molta Associates' Longmeadow office ranked 1st and the Springfield office ranked second in the category of buyer sales.

The Springfield office had the second highest and the Longmeadow office had the third highest number of sales transactions in the state of Massachusetts. The Springfield, Longmeadow, and Agawam offices ranked third, fourth, fifth, respectively, in the category of listings sold.

"Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates exemplifies the standards of excellence for which COLDWELL BANKER offices are known," said Robert Romanowski, Regional Director for Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation. "It is an honor to recognize Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates as one of the top Coldwell Banker brokers in the state of Massachusetts. This is quite an achievement, as they are one out of 1,454 offices in the Northeast Region."

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Robert P. Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates, is proud to announce that LINDA SANTINELLO of the Springfield office ranked first in the category of buyer sales for the state of Massachusetts. In addition, Linda ranked among the top 10 in three other categories.

Originally from West Springfield, Santinello has been a long-time resident of Feeding Hills, where she resides with her husband, Ronald, who is a member of the Laborers Union Local 999.

Santinello is a graduate of the Jane Pendleton School of Business in Amherst, Massachusetts. She received her real estate license in 1990, and has been a consistent top producer.

In 1997, Santinello was "Agent of the Year" in our Springfield office. She specializes in listing residential properties and working with first-time buyers.

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**Legal
Memo**

by

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**Design/Construction -
Ceiling Collapse**

On a mid-summer day, a massive collapse of three separate ceiling systems occurred at the plaintiff's new medical office. The ceiling systems consisted of two sprinkler systems, plumbing, electrical, air conditioning, and heating systems and ceiling panels which were connected to wooden joists.

The weight of these systems, once the sprinkler systems were made operational, allegedly caused the ceiling systems to detach from the wooden joists and crash into the new medical office causing substantial damage to the office furnishings, patient files, leasehold improvements and personal property, and causing a substantial business interruption loss.

The plaintiffs were in the process of moving their medical practice from one hospital to another. As a result of the ceiling collapse, the plaintiffs were forced to use a much smaller office space during the nine-month period during which their offices were being repaired. During this time, the plaintiffs claimed that they were unable to fully develop their practices due to the substantial reduction in space.

Prior to the settlement of this claim, the plaintiffs additionally received \$180,000 towards their business losses and \$80,000 toward their personal property losses from their insurance company. The plaintiffs, therefore, had to prove business and property losses in excess of \$260,000 in order to recover.

It was the defendants' position that the plaintiffs incurred little, if any, business losses since they were able to set up their temporary office shortly after the collapse of the ceiling. The defendants further claimed that the lost revenue claim by the plaintiffs was highly speculative since the plaintiffs were moving their practice to a new location and by their own admission, expected to lose 50 percent of their existing patients due to the move.

Finally, the defendants claimed that the plaintiffs' business was a "new business" and consequently they were not entitled to recover for their business losses at all under existing case law. The case was settled for \$265,000.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.



WILLIAM R. PORFOLIO (center), the winner of the Westbank Money Tree Contest at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce's Market '99, with Richard N. Hanchett (left), Vice President, Westbank, and Paul M. Accorsi (right), Senior Vice President, Westbank.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**William Porfolio
Wins Westbank's
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When Bill Porfolio, president of Eastern Electronics & Security, Inc., came to Market '99, produced by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, he had no idea that this would be his lucky day.

He was the winner of the Westbank Money Tree Contest. They prize, totalling \$367, was the money displayed on THE MONEY TREE at the show.

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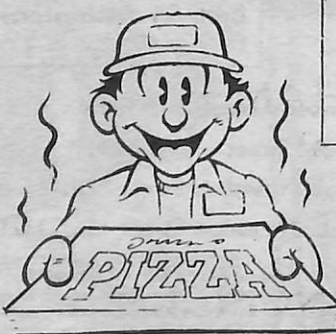
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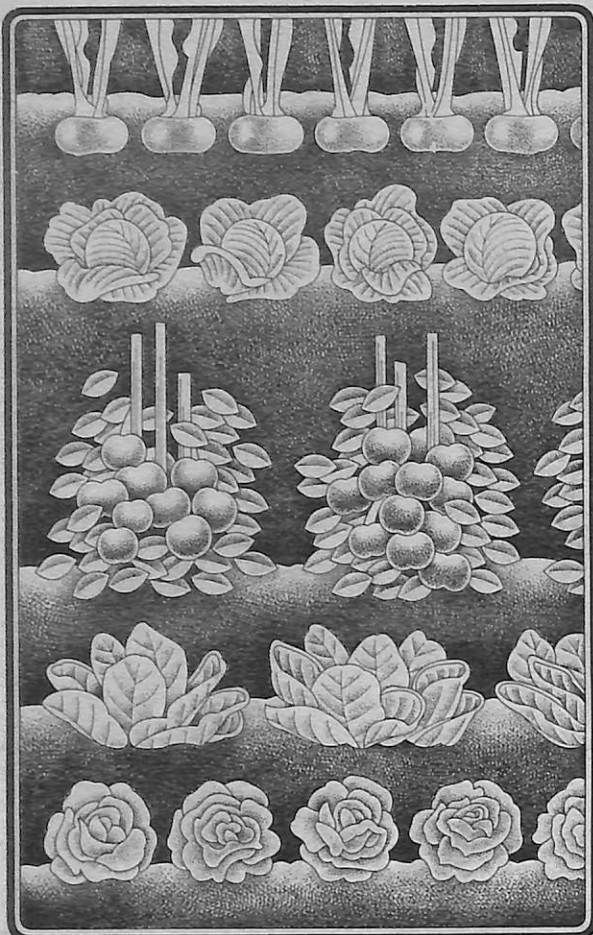
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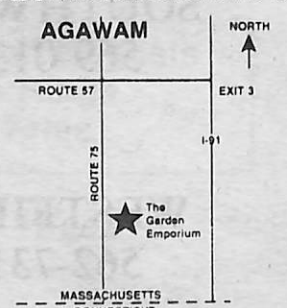
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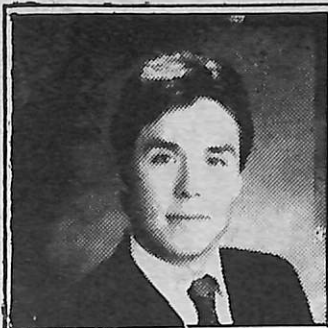


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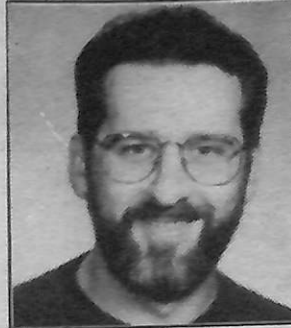
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Using Your Back Smartly...

A study by a Swedish scientist, Dr. Alf Nackemson, and a research engineer, Goista Elfstrom, found that just standing exerts pressure of 100 pounds per square inch on the lower spine. Sitting puts 120 pounds of pressure on this area.

Bending forward when standing causes twice the lumbar pressure as standing straight, and leaning forward when sitting is even more stressful. Laughing causes a 164-pound pressure, and coughing generates pressure greater than that in a small engine.

Obviously, we can't avoid all of the pressures on our back from our daily living. But, we can lessen them by applying these basic rules of body balance:

1. Whatever you're doing, try to maintain the natural, gentle contours of your spine.
2. Always flex your knees when bending and lifting.

3. Avoid off-balance torso-twisting.
When standing, maintain a natural "pelvic tilt" posture with your head up, back straight, shoulders even, and stomach tightened. If standing a long time, rest one foot on a box or step.

When sitting, avoid low soft chairs and sofas. Choose a chair that supports the small of the back and puts your knees slightly higher than your hips. Arm rests can take pressure off the low back. Since few chairs meet all these requirements, you may want to add a specially designed backrest with lumbar support to your chair.

When bending or lifting, never bend from the waist with locked knees. This applies to the toe-touching activity. This type of bending, even without lifting any weight, puts a strain of 214 pounds per square inch on your low back. Instead, squat — allowing your leg muscles, not your back muscles, to do the work.

When lying down, make sure your mattress doesn't sag. Lie on your side or back. Sleeping on your stomach is not good for your back.

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Self-Care Is Not Selfish!

Summer is coming. It is almost here. This means the kids are around and schedules change. Even if you have no children, the change of seasons sometimes brings about changes in schedules, commitments, and priorities.

I am hearing a lot of people talking about the conflict in the summer with their workouts. There should be no conflict; remember, exercise is a part of life ... it's like eating. You have to eat every day; well, you have to work out, too. Easier said than done, huh? I hear ya.

Once again, I recommend taking a minute to think about it, plan, write a couple of goals, and take action. I would like to use the example of the kids being home all summer, but your conflict can be anything. Prioritize (if you read this article, you probably exercise).

You know it is important and a high priority. Do your workouts need to change this summer? Are you outdoors more? Do you need to cut down on the time spent at the gym? It's okay. If you keep your exercise a high priority, you can do it.

The classic problem is, "I feel bad dragging the kids to the gym. It's summer and they don't want to." I understand, believe me. Here is a little something that helps me.

When I go to the gym, although I enjoy it, it is taking care of myself. It takes care of me physically, emotionally, and psychologically. I need and want to teach my kids that it is very important to take care of myself. I want to show them I take care of myself and it's okay, I'm not being selfish.

We plan on enjoying the summer fully; we are going to have fun and play, and stay up late, and laugh a ton. This doesn't mean that I eat foods that will kill me, nor does it mean I stop exercising.

Your workouts can cut down if needed; you can simply maintain where you are right now by doing two to three cardios per week, and two to three resistance trainings per week.

Don't set difficult goals ... perhaps you just want maintenance goals. Be realistic with your summer in mind. Stay healthy and active, and resume different priorities in September.

Do you have fitness questions you'd like answered? Write to me at: **Fitness First, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.**

Relationship Boundaries...

Over the past several weeks, we have been talking about a number of important relationship concepts and tools: anxiety, triangles, becoming your true-authentic self, parenting, marriage, and family dynamics.

Last week, I introduced the idea called Time-IN-relationship as opposed to the commonly used idea of Time-out. Although the idea of Time-out is most frequently understood in the adult/child relationship, it can also be observed in the adult/adult relationship. We all need and use time-out from one another to some degree or other. However, a key relationship ingredient is often overlooked; namely, how we re-connect after a period of separation.

A good relationship health barometer is how well we are both together and separate to and from one another. Fundamental toward achieving as good a balance as possible between these two relationship components is how **boundaries** are or are not established to achieve the separateness and togetherness we all need.

Many folks can more or less appropriately set, maintain, and modify boundaries that contribute to a good healthy relationship. Many others rely on boundaries or structural limits to be set for them to aid their daily living. Traffic signals, regulations and laws, rules of conduct in the workplace, restaurants, schools, and in our homes, are just a few ways we see boundaries in action. For the most part, these have come into being out of dialogue among many people over a long period of time for the good of the many.

Setting limits in the context of human relationships, whether self-imposed or imposed by another person or group, requires an individual to reflect on the present circumstance in context. How have these or other limits served this relationship in the past? Could I have benefited from doing it any differently last time? What did I learn from a previous encounter? Are there any patterns of behavior that need to be addressed? And how might I like to do it now and into the future?

Boundary setting needs a strong "I" position present to help establish them in a healthy fashion. However, boundaries explicitly mean at least two sides. You can attempt to establish them on your terms, but it is essential to at least consider, if not enlist, the other side. Depending on the participation of the other, caring for "your side" may take different shape, especially when a power imbalance is present.

Consider for a moment the painfully inappropriate acts upon children, date rape, the recent mass school killings, domestic violence, and

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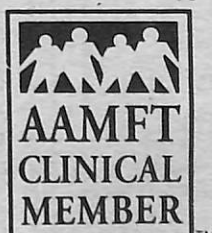
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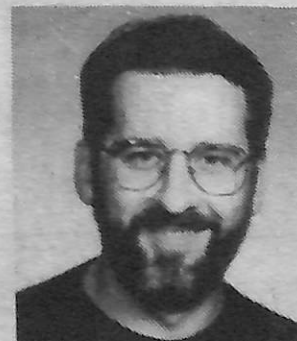
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Getting Ready For Golf...

It's that time of year again — people start coming into the office for adjustments and "tune-ups" that we haven't seen for months.

What's going on? Do they miss me? Is the vernal equinox causing people to want to balance their bodies to correlate with the balance of day and night?

I think not! It's GOLF SEASON! People are coming out of the woodwork to make sure their bodies are functioning perfectly in order to shoot the perfect game. They don't want anything to impede their score — no stiffness, no joints or vertebrae stuck ... they want a perfectly balanced spine.

My husband never gets adjusted as much as he does prior to the first golf game of the year. Does he take care of himself the rest of the year? Not as much as during this season. But, to be fair to my husband and all the other golfers, keeping your spine functioning at 100 percent helps the body maintain optimum ability to perform at 100 percent. They know this.

Each and every bone that makes up the spine (24 in all) should be moving in all the different directions (forward, backward, side to side, rotating). If a few of the segments in the neck, midback, or low back are "stuck" or not moving properly, then motion is limited.

Perhaps you're not able to extend the club as far back as necessary to get the correct swing. If the neck cannot turn all the way, your ability to perform a swing is significantly reduced.

The whole focus of chiropractic is to restore proper motion to the spine. Of course, for some of you, chiropractic exists to maintain the golf game!

As a chiropractor, though, I can restore proper motion and help maintain a balanced spine, but I cannot guarantee a reduction in your golf score — that's up to you!

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suicide, to name a few. These all share a common link, I think, when considering the function of boundary setting and boundary braking. Each shares an *over-focus on self* with little to no regard for the other's side — the other person(s).

These issues are very complex! No single piece can point to the sole reason why. Relationships are systemic, connected, and separate. When either or both are lived to an extreme, extreme things happen. How we care for our "self" is one part. How we connect to another, to others in general, is the other part. How we live in the mid-

dle gray area of life's pendulum, able to move IN and OUT of relationships, is key.

What do you think about boundaries in your relationships and in society in general? Why not e-mail or write me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and "Let's Talk about it."

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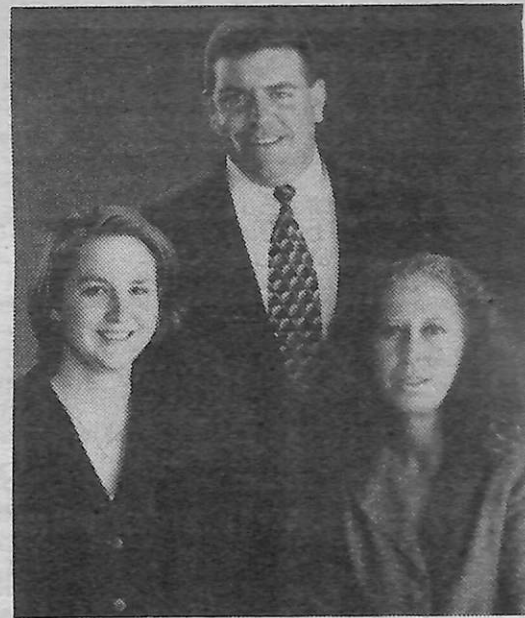
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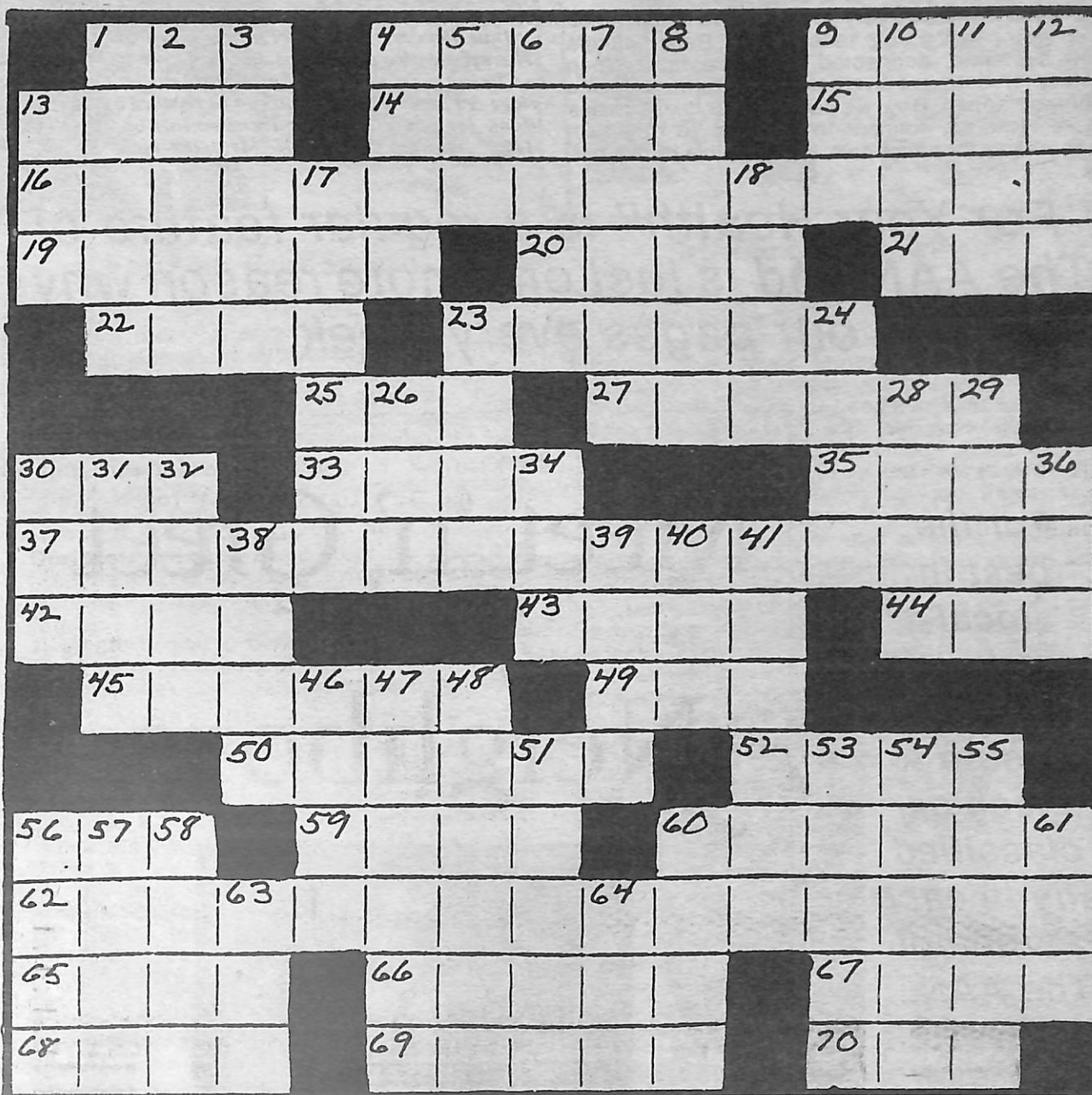
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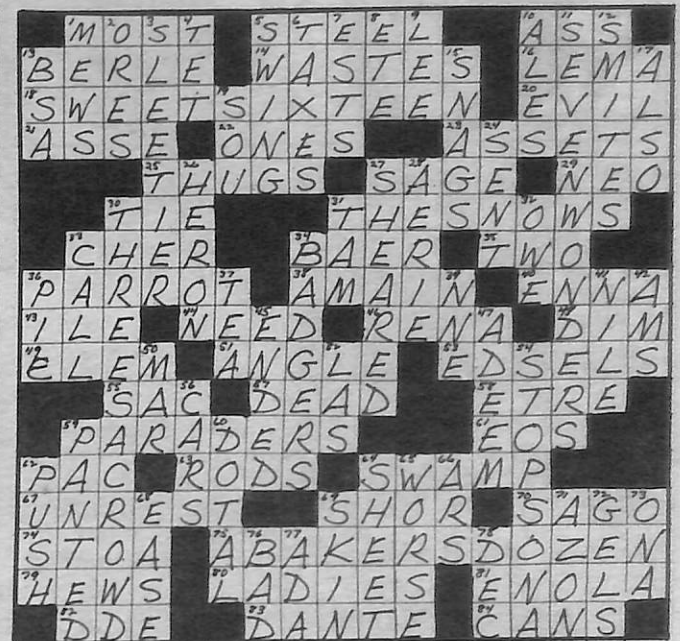
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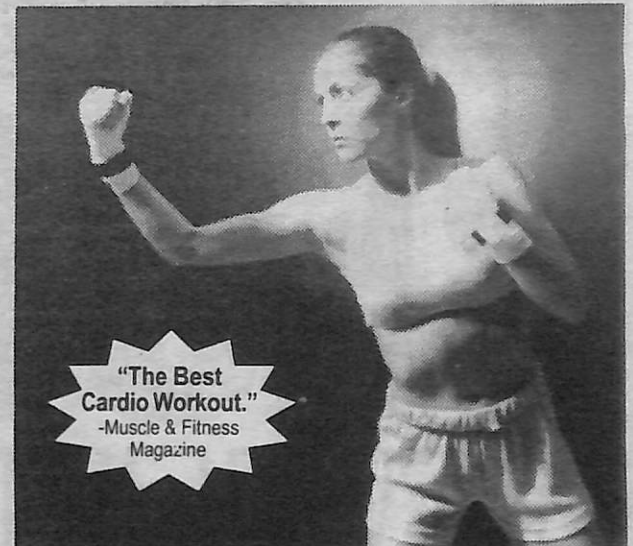


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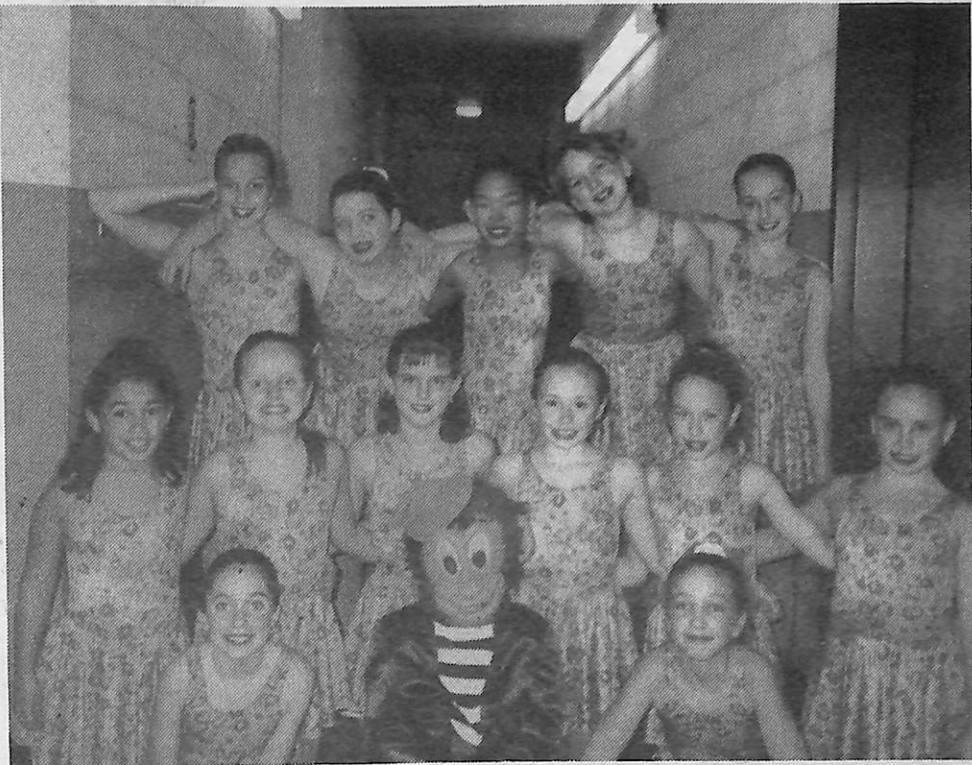
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All of the photos on this page are courtesy of Shooting Star Dance Center.

At Springfield Symphony Hall...

Shooting Star Dance Students In "Bob McGrath" Show

"A job well done!" to the students of Shooting Star Dance Center, who performed in the "Bob McGrath in Concert" show at Symphony Hall in Springfield on March 28th.

Students incorporated dance and singing to familiar songs from "Sesame Street" which had the audience swaying, clapping, and stomping throughout the show.

Miss Lynn, Miss Karen, and Miss Carol would like to thank all of the students for their hard work and extra practices which made the show a great success and a lot of fun.

Thank-you to Amy Scott and Design Works for their contribution of some of the costumes the students performed in.



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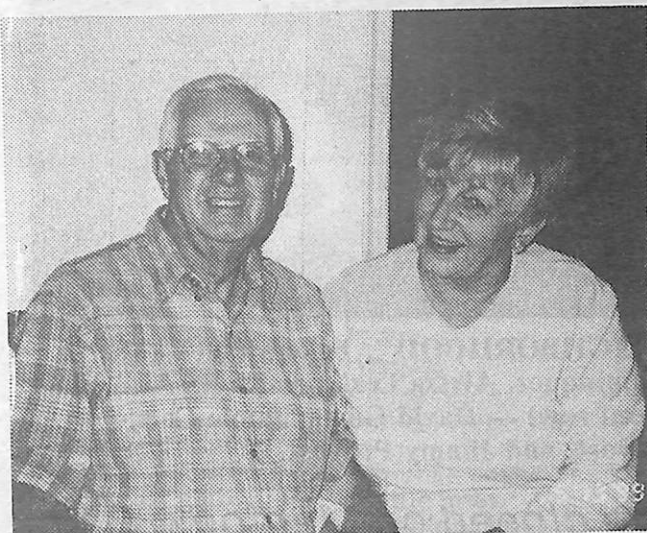
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IRISH STEP DANCER Eireann McCormack of Agawam (above) will perform in the Great Pretenders Revue, which is being produced and directed by Jerry and Cil Millette of Agawam (below).



Check our classified ads...

Irish Dancing To Be Part Of "Great Pretenders Revue"

As the Great Pretenders prepare for the June show, the Great Pretenders Revue, they are very enthused about additional entertainment being brought to their show in the form of Irish dancing.

Twenty-one year-old Agawam resident Eireann McCormack, daughter of Frederick and Mary of Country Road, has been a student of Irish step dancing, as well as ballet, tap, and jazz, for 16 years. She has traveled to the Griffith Academy in Wethersfield, Connecticut since she was five years-old to develop the skills she has today.

Eireann has held the title of New England Champion in her age division, obtained placement at the North American Irish Dance Championships, and has (several times) represented the U.S. at the All World Irish Dance competition held each year in Ireland.

In June of 1998, following a rigorous audition, Eireann was offered a position on the North American Flying Squad of the hit production "Riverdance - The Show." She traveled to Chicago in February of this year to begin training with the cast, and will resume training in Toronto this summer.

While completing her education (she is currently studying at UMass), Eireann will perform promotional work for "Riverdance - The Show."

The Great Pretenders are proud to have Eireann performing in the Great Pretenders Revue, which will be held at the First Church of Longmeadow, 763 Longmeadow Street, on June 10th, 11th, and 12th at 7:00 p.m., and on June 13th at 2:00 p.m.

In this revue, Eireann will be performing with a few younger dancers: five year-old Alexander Watkins and his 10 year-old sister, Kelsi Watkins, of Feeding Hills, and 10 year-old Kylie Brown of Chicopee. This Irish dancing will add variety to the show's music, dance, and comedy.

Tickets for the Great Pretenders Revue are \$10 (general admission) and \$8 (seniors and students), and they may be obtained by calling 739-2111 or 821-1309.

WestFest Inc. Announces 1999 Scholarship Winners

Each year in conjunction with its spring arts festival, WestFest Inc. awards \$3,000 in scholarship funds to talented young people in order to further their studies in the arts.

The 1999 scholarship aware winners are:

Andrea Thompson — \$1,000 in photography, Rochester Institute of Technology.

Krista Johnson — \$1,000 in dance, graduating senior Gateway Regional High School.

Sarah Skehan — \$500 in culinary arts, graduating senior St. Mary's High School.

William Choe — \$500 Mary A. Hibert Memorial Scholarship in music, Westfield High School.

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Wonderful Selection Or Artisans At Jr. Women's Craft Fair

The Agawam Junior Women's Club's 25th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair promises to be better than ever before with a wonderful selection of artisans and crafters from near and far.

The fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Featured will be a wide variety of items. Come see the selection of high quality crafts!

The fair will be held on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street (Route 159) in Agawam. The show will be juried and feature approximately 70-80 exhibitors.

Admission is free and all proceeds benefit the Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarship Fund. A raffle of items donated by crafters will be held in conjunction with the fair. Winners need not be present to win. Tours of the historic Captain Charles Leonard House will be available. A Youth Art Exhibit will be on display inside the Leonard House as well.

Parking will be available at the Bethany Assembly of God parking lot. There will be on-street parking where posted. Parking will not be allowed along Main Street (Route 159).

Anyone interested in obtaining an application should call Paula McCauley at (413) 786-0511, or write to Agawam Junior Women's Club, Craft Fair, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001.

Agawam Community Artists In Jr. Women's Craft Fair

On Saturday, June 3rd, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House in Agawam, the Agawam Community Artists will once again participate in this year's Women's Club Annual Craft Fair.

As always, the selection of artwork to be offered will be as diverse as its talented artists; from the soft hues of floral designs, the rich colors of local landscapes, the beauty of backyard wildlife, the realism of still-life, to the exciting colors of abstract designs, all created by over 30 award-winning artists represented.

Framed and unframed works, as well as commission pieces, will be available. Please stop by and visit our showing. Throughout the day, various artists will be on hand to greet you. We look forward to meeting you and sharing our work.

For the past six years, the Agawam Community Artists, under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council, has provided a meeting place for artists and all those interested in the arts to come together, share ideas, and inspire one another.

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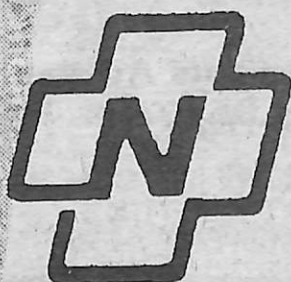
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Education

At Granger School's "Family Night"



ON TUESDAY, MAY 11TH, Granger Elementary School held a "Family Night." IN LEFT PHOTO: Ms. Nuovo (far right) of Room 1, Grade 3, with members of the Lovotti family — Judy, Noah, Nicholas, Carl, and Nathan. IN RIGHT PHOTO: George and Kathy Reed with their children — Joshua, Kelsey, and Amanda. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

From AHS Guidance Department...

Criticism Is Good When It's Constructive

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

How often have you told your youngster something only to receive the following retort, "Stop criticizing me! You're not perfect either, you know!" However, when we criticize others and they criticize us, we are not thinking about perfection. Rather, we are simply pointing something out that we feel needs sharing.

Ah, but here's the rub. Our criticism is taken personally. Instead of realizing we are criticizing an idea or an action, the object of the criticism feels we are criticizing the whole person.

How can we criticize without creating unhappiness for ourselves and others? Perhaps the best way is for all parties concerned to see criticism as a tool for growth, rather than a weapon of attack. Actually, criticism is a way to provide some valuable information. Just make certain that the information is constructive.

It must be meant to help and improve. It must not be destructive; that tears down and hurts. When criticizing, you should always give a prelude and tell why you are sharing the information. Never talk in put-downs. Remember, too, to keep your voice at an even level; if you yell, the listener will yell and vice-versa.

Let's look at the scenario of the kid who comes home from school and feels he is unfairly criticized all the time. What can you as a parent do? It really doesn't help to say, "You must be imagining this."

Instead, tell the youngster that if he doesn't agree with the criticism, then he won't be hurt by

it since he doesn't have to own it. Before he gets all uptight, he must consider the source. If a friend is criticizing him about the way he swings a bat and the friend has never before played ball, then how valid is the friend's criticism?

Sometimes criticism is deserved. Once the youngster is able to get his ego under control, it becomes easier for him to listen to criticism. In fact, criticism can give him some valuable insight.

He may have wondered why so and so is angry with him. Perhaps it's because he has a sarcastic way of speaking, but he doesn't realize it. By making him aware, he is now in a position to change.

Sometimes criticism is troublesome because we are not all coming from the same place. The mother who angrily says to her son, "Your room looks like a cyclone. Clean it up. We're not living in a barn!", may be seeing the room differently from how her son perceives it.

Instead of accusing the son of being a slob, sit down and discuss with him what he thinks his room should look like. Then, share with him how you feel it should look and come to a meeting of the minds.

Explain to him that if his clothes are not put away or put into the hamper, soon he will have no clean clothes to wear. By sharing the reasons behind your criticism, you make the criticism understandable and easier to handle.

Remember, criticism is never easy to accept. It is often humiliating to have others point out your

shortcomings. Yet, being confronted with a bit of truth can be a big help. So, instead of reacting in a negative fashion to criticism, the person criticized should seek out the truth behind it, something to validate the criticism. Then, as the cliché goes, "If the shoe fits, wear it!"

Yes, it is O.K. to criticize where warranted. But it is important to always criticize with love. Remember, too, just as you deserve to be able to criticize, so does your child as long as the criticism is valid and followed by reasons.

Next time criticism must occur, try to think of it as a suggestion and share it in a caring fashion. Be open to dialogue about your suggestion, and be willing to defend and discuss your stance.

Remember, criticism is good when it is constructive; criticism is counter-productive when it is destructive.

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Moments From The Carnival At Perry Lane...



EARLIER THIS MONTH, youngsters at Perry Lane Nursery School had the opportunity to enjoy a carnival and its various activities. **IN LEFT PHOTO:** "Gilligan the Clown" with youngsters Ryan Daniels, Cara Waterman, Carly Cronin, Ali DiCioccio, and Gabiella Spear. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Nancy Pryce of the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department assists little Zachary Andringa during one of the carnival's games. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Community Service Has Kept Clark School's Junior Troop Busy

James Clark School's Junior Troop was really involved in community service projects this year. They started off by making Valentine cards for the Soldiers' Home, then jumped into the next project — the Ruehl/Baehr Benefit.

On February 24th, they had a special meeting at Co-Leader Jessie Goehrlert's home, where the girls made about 200 cupcakes for the benefit. They also helped out by taking care of the dessert table and selling raffle tickets. They enjoyed helping the families, and we know the experience was one they will never forget.

The Troop had a very successful year with selling Girl Scout cookies. The girls and their leaders would like to thank the parents for helping their

daughters sell, deliver, and collect the money for the cookies and for getting them to the booth sales on time.

A big thank-you goes to Linda Montagna. Her job is one that we do not envy. I thought being a cookie mom was tough. Linda was always there when our troop needed extra cases of cookies, and she really helped us with those cookie sheets that need to be filled out.

I also would like to thank Lesley Young, for she also helped us this year with the troop. She was always there to answer questions and help out whenever needed.

Thank you, ladies from Troop 552, for all you do!

A "Journey Around The World" Is Set For June 4th At Robinson Park Cafeteria

You are cordially invited to take a journey around the world to celebrate diversity, cultures, and uniqueness.

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Our office is closed on Memorial Day...

Agawam UNICO To Award Scholarships

On Wednesday, June 9th, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO NATIONAL will award its annual scholarships to high school student seniors of Italian extraction.

Scholarship Co-Chairmen Salvatore Morassi, Jr. and S. Thomas Martinelli announced recently that seven Agawam young people will be the recipients. They are:

Michelle L. Beaudette, 60 Yale Street, Feeding Hills; **Kimberly Bosini**, 31 Tanglewood Lane, Feeding Hills; **Shaunessy Egan**, 39 Stony Hill Rd., Feeding Hills; **Mario Santillo**, 22 Coronet Circle, Feeding Hills; **Alicyn Siano**, 21 Danny Lane, Agawam; **Emily Tampone**, 76 Fordham Avenue, Feeding Hills; **Patricia Zerra**, 77 White Fox Road, Feeding Hills.

In addition, UNICO will present one special award named after the late NFL football star Brian Piccolo. This year, the Chapter has chosen **Pia Bertone-Gross** of 22 Leonard Street, Agawam as this year's Brian Piccolo scholar-athlete.

The UNICO chapter also sponsors an Educational Grant annually. This year, there will be two grants which will be presented by Dennis Marchetto to **Martha Manning**, 21 Oak Lane, Feeding Hills, and **Abby Turner**, 128 Karen Lynn Circle, Feeding Hills.

The awards will be made at a special dinner meeting of UNICO at Ferruccio's Restaurant, 1520 Main Street, Agawam. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. All those interested may attend the ceremony. The charge for the dinner and awards ceremony is \$20 per person with any excess over costs going to the Scholarship Fund.

Requests for places at the dinner should be made in advance by calling either Mr. Morassi at 786-0177 or Mr. Martinelli at 789-1701.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 31st: Memorial Day (no school).

Tuesday, June 1st: Oven-baked pizza wedge with pepperoni, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled fruit cup, milk.

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Thursday, June 3rd: Oven-baked chicken nuggets with honey, steamed rice, chuck wagon corn, bread and butter, apple crisp, milk.

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Sports

At PVIACs...

AHS's Girls' & Boys' Track Teams Show Well

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' and boys' track teams participated in the Valley League Individuals last Saturday at Minnechaug. Both showed well. The girls had a winner in the discus - Lindsay Hadden. Not only did she win to remain undefeated, her throw of 107 feet was a personal best.

Junior Kerry McGeoghan tied for first in the high jump at five feet even. Kerry has not been beaten this year in that event, having gone as high as 5'2". Also on the field side, Cathy Dickinson won the shotput with a personal best heave of 32'11". Hadden had a second in that event at 32'7", her best of the season.

The track events saw junior Marie Buendo take a third (27.0) in the 200 meter dash. The Brownies did particularly well in the 800 meter run, with a third and personal best 2:32.6 turned in by sophomore Heather Newalu. Jess Newalu, a freshman, had a personal best 2:35 for a fifth-place finish in the 800 meters.

Kristen Pisano had a time of 2:39 in the 800 meters and Desiree Marsilli clocked in at 2:41 in the event. While both finished way out of the points, both times were personal bests.

Sophomore Amy Jensen had a 5:41 in the mile, which was a personal best and good enough for fifth. The team of Kelly Cassidy, Heather Newalu, Sarah Lottermoser, and Valerie Siedlik were fifth in the 4x400 in 4:33.3.

Girls' varsity Coach Dean Vecchiarelli felt there were no surprises for his team (6-2, regular season) in the competition. "We did pretty much what we thought we could do. I'm pleased with that, because we seem to be peaking at just the right time for the Western Mass. Tournament."

The Tournament will be held this Saturday, May 29th, at Springfield College.

The boys also showed they are peaking (in certain events) for the Western Mass. Tournament, with some performances and some personal bests as well. Strong all season long in the field



ASSISTANT COACH DAN PRYCE (front row, far left) and COACH DEAN VECCHIARELLI (front row, far right) with the members of Agawam High School's 1999 girls' track team. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

disciplines, they swept the triple jump. Peter Bitzas took the top spot with an effort of 42'11". It was a personal best for him. Marc Pedraza came in second at 40'9 3/4", also a personal best. Jay Flood was third at 40'4 3/4".

Pedraza took a third in the discus with a spin of 139'7 1/2", which was another personal best for the senior.

Three more Brownies, though they didn't place in the individuals, qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament with good times in the meet. Senior Jason Gagne ran a 44.5 in the 300 hurdles to qualify. Another senior, Justin Kratovil, made it with a personal best 17.5 in the high hurdles.

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Schoolgirl Tennis...

Brownies Fall To Central, Then Go On To Defeat Palmer

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' tennis team (5-8) split their last two matches, losing to Springfield Central, 2-3, and beating Palmer High, 3-2.

The Central match saw Kaitlin White in the number one singles slot. She had a battle with the Eagles' Alicia Everett. After winning a close first set, 6-4, Kaitlin couldn't hold back Everett, who won the second, 7-5. The Golden Eagle senior gained confidence after that and went on to beat the Brownie senior, 6-1, for the match.

Another senior, Andrea Cizek, stepped in at second singles for Agawam. She met Georgia Clarke, who was taller and stronger and prevailed, 6-1, 6-2.

The Brownies went into third singles down two matches to none. Liz Stieg, just a sophomore, got one back with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Molly Clark. Stieg, in her first year of varsity tennis, ended up with a winning record for the season.

Kelly Webb and Julianna Battista played a steady, smart first doubles to beat their Eagle opponents, 6-2, 6-3. According to Coach Mary Wolochowicz, the junior and senior, respectively, have been improving all season and it showed in this match.

Second doubles was not so fortunate. Sophomore Lisa Niedziela and freshman Jen Jutte just couldn't get it done, falling 6-2, 6-1.

The Palmer battle was helped by some intense coaching by Wolochowicz. "The kids like to see me get on them every now and then. I thought they should have been doing better during the match, and at certain times told them so in no uncertain terms. It worked," she smiled.

Perhaps it started when White, at number one singles, lost quickly to Jacqui Jurczk, 6-1, 6-0. "Yeah, it was quick, but Kaitlin got to some points because of her speed that no one else could have reached. It wasn't as lopsided as it looked," the coach noted.

Andrea Cizek came through in number two singles with a come-from-behind, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 win. She had experienced several frustrating outings before the win. Andrea was moving her feet and anticipating shots with more confidence as the match progressed.

Liz Stieg went down 4-6 in the first set of her third singles match. The coach got on her and she woke up, winning the next two sets, 6-0, 6-3. "She came off the court and I told her, 'Good job, Liz.' She said, 'I know.'" Wolochowicz laughed.

First doubles went to Webb and Battista, 6-3, 6-2. They got off to a 0-3 deficit before Wolochowicz jumped on them as well. "They have been, along with Liz Stieg, the most consistent kids on the team," the coach noted.

Lisa Niedziela and Jen Jutte had a long, tough go in second doubles before falling, 6-1, 1-6, 6-7 (3-7). The two Brownies started well, but their inexperience got the better of them as the match wore on.

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Girls' Lacrosse Vs East Longmeadow...

Agawam High Loses Seesaw Battle Versus The Spartans, 16-13

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Defense took a day off last Friday, May 21st, when the Agawam High girls' lacrosse team hosted East Longmeadow High.

The Spartans won the seesaw shootout, 16-13 over the 8-5 locals. "We're not playing like a team. We're not doing anything like a team, except maybe more running than passing, but passing has always been our strong point and we're just not doing it," Coach Cindy Grieve said after talking to her club for a very long time when the game had gone into the record book.

There were indications from the get-go that the thing might turn into a greyhound race. Fifty-seven seconds in, the Spartans scored to go up 1-0. The visitors were attacking from the wings and their defense was meeting Agawam at mid-field. The Brownies had an answer for that in the form of junior attacker Ann Paquette. She would have seven goals in the game with the first coming on a rush down the right wing and into the box with three minutes gone to tie it at one.

Paquette was at it again two minutes later on a shot 20 feet in front of the crease for her second score and a 2-1 Brownie lead. Agawam missed a free shot 40 seconds later and EL stormed back to tie things at two.

Both Teams Working The Box

At this point, both teams were working the box and it paid off for Agawam with a score by senior Brenna McGinn, who flipped the ball home from the right crease on a nifty scoop shot, with an assist from Paquette. The Spartans weren't down for long, scoring at the 8:08 mark for the third tie in the early going.

The Brownies, after surviving a Spartan free shot on some good defense from Sheri Benton and Christina Gregory, stormed back behind Paquette. At the 8:37 mark the effort paid off as Paquette jammed the ball home to give Agawam a 4-3 advantage.

An Agawam penalty gave EL a free shot shortly after the score. Brownie keeper Mary Elizabeth Dupelle made a nice save on the freebee. Paquette and Kara Barnes then began to apply right wing pressure, which led to a score by Sheri Benton at the 11:03 mark, giving Agawam a 5-3 advantage. The Spartans might have been on the road, but they were not on the ropes. Two goals within a minute-and-a-half of each other saw them tie it at five.

Agawam grimly tried to break the logjam. Shauna Suffriti blasted one with three minutes to go in the half, only to be robbed by Spartan keeper Colleen McSweeney. The rebound came out to the Brownies' Kate Shannon. She scooped it up and

fed Suffriti, who again took the shot only to have McSweeney rob her a second time.

However, the hard work did pay off. With a minute left in the half, Nikita Reshamwala took a pass from McGinn, darted through the crease, and put Agawam up, 6-5. That advantage lasted about 10 seconds. An EL score saw it stand at 6-6 when the halftime horn belched. The Brownies had nine shots on the Spartan net. EL answered with nine of its own.

Spartans Waste No Time

The Spartans wasted no time when the second half dawned, scoring with only 13 seconds gone. Then, 10 seconds later, they did it again - a turn of events that had to make Grieve feel like someone undergoing Chinese water torture. "We didn't play any kind of team defense that I could see," she would say later.

The way it was going, Agawam could ill afford to drop down by more than three scores at that point. They didn't. With just under a minute gone, Barnes let one go that just missed. The ball was retrieved behind the net and tossed out front to Paquette, who didn't miss and Agawam trailed, 8-7. The Spartans answered with another goal at the 1:14 mark. Agawam's Suffriti came back with a goal of her own to close the gap to 9-8.

A good save by Dupelle (who deserved a little better defense in front of her) seemed to jack up the offense. Paquette led a charge and her pass to McGinn, who scored, making it nine-all with 2:10 gone.

Two minutes later, under some big-time Spartan pressure over the middle, Dupelle made another tough save. Unfortunately, there was no one close by to clear the ball and EL came up with its 10th goal of the game to go up by one.

It seemed, for a while, that Agawam was swimming upstream. EL scored at the 5:03 mark. Twenty seconds later off an assist by Shannon, Paquette scored to make it 11-10, EL. The visitors shrugged it off and connected again. Benton, on a rush down the middle of the box, got her second score and Agawam trailed, 12-11.

The Brownies' last best hope came with 8:09 left. Suffriti and Paquette did the deal. They rushed the right wing and Paquette scored to tie it at 12 (the seventh tie of the game).

The Spartans would manage four more goals through the Brownie defense. Agawam's final goal, courtesy of Paquette (her seventh), came with just under two minutes left.

Agawam had nine second-half shots on net for a game total of 18. East Longmeadow came up with 12 for a total of 21.



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Softball vs Cathedral...

Brownies Undergo Frustrating Loss To Panthers, 8-5

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

These have not been the best of times for the Agawam High girls' softball team. Since going 8-0 to start the season, they've been struggling along with a 3-5 record — something totally out of character for the defending Western Mass. Division I champs.

Part of that loss list came last Friday afternoon in the form of a frustrating, 8-5 setback to visiting Cathedral.

The Brownies were coming off a 2-1 defeat courtesy of West Springfield and were looking to get well. However, things were not well even before the action got underway.

Two key Brownies were missing and were sorely missed.

"It was a tough situation for us. I'm not making excuses. Some kids stepped up for us. I feel if we'd all done our jobs, we would have won the ballgame," Coach Debbie Lickley said.

Agawam got off to a shaky start. Lickley sent ace Ali Jackobek into the circle. After getting the leadoff hitter to fly out, Jackobek started to have some trouble. Three straight Panther singles and a hit batsman saw the visitors come up with a run.

Jackobek then settled down, getting the next two hitters on a hard line drive to short and a groundout. But it wasn't the kind of start Lickley necessarily wanted to see.

After three up and three down in the first, the Agawam bats came alive in the second. Sophomore Keegan Clark, playing rightfield in a lineup juggled around, drilled a triple to left. Centerfielder Amanda Merola reached on a bunt that had the Panther infielders looking Clark back to third.

Then, Merola got caught in a 4-3, 4-3, 4-3, run-down. While she was trying to save her bacon, Lickley, coaching at third, watched and when the time was right, sent Clark home for Agawam's first run.

A two-out single saw Kornelia Moysis get aboard. Jess Montagna, catching in place of Diana DiStefano, rolled a snoozer to short. The Panthers attempted to force Moysis at second, but the combination of lack of ball speed and a lot of Moysis speed made for a late throw and Moysis was safe at second.

Agawam Has 3-1 Lead...

Then Cathedral tried for a play at first, which was just about impossible. In the confusion, Moysis took third. She scored on a wild pitch, giving the Brownies a 2-1 lead. Designated player Alison Pisano drew a walk. With two on, sophomore Tiffany Blackman stepped into the box. Lickley had her in left. Blackman promptly singled home Montagna. Agawam went into the third with a 3-1 lead.

The Panthers, fighting for a share of the Valley Wheel lead (with West Springfield), basically got a gift when they came to bat because the locals did something they usually don't do — make three errors in the same inning. This resulted in two unearned runs.

The first two Panther hitters reached on throwing errors. One came home on a sac bunt. The second run resulted by virtue of another error.

Agawam came back with two in the bottom of the third, much the same way Cathedral had gotten its deuce. Clark hit one down to third, which should have been a routine out. But the Panther at first couldn't handle the throw from third baseman Tinea Phillips, who has a gun for an arm. Caitlyn Conte doubled home Clark. Moysis stepped in and topped one to short, which was mishandled. That blunder brought Conte across the plate and Agawam once again owned the lead at 5-3.

Though the Brownies couldn't know it then, they would score no more. Cathedral would. It came down to the top of the fourth. Jackobek, who did not have her best control and was pitching on true grit alone, finally lost the edge. A walk, a hit batsman, two more walks, four wild pitches thrown into the mix, and a late throw to the plate on a forced attempt led to five Cathedral runs.

That was it for Jackobek. She left and Agawam's other ace, Lindsay Mason, came on. Mason would two-hit the Panthers and shut them down the rest of the way. On the other hand, Cathedral pitcher Kristi Guzzo (7 IP, 8 hits, 5 runs, 3 ER, 1 BB, 1 SO, 3.00 ERA) returned the compliment.

Agawam's record fell to 11-5 overall and 2-3 in the Wheel. Cathedral rose to 15-2 and 4-1, also in the Valley Wheel.

AHS Baseball Team Bows To Chicopee Comp

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

While the girls were struggling on the clay skin of the softball field, just across the way at Harmon Smith, the varsity boys were getting skinned by Chicopee Comp on the baseball diamond to the tune of 11-6. The Colts' win stopped the Brownie winning streak at seven games, gave Agawam its first loss in the Valley League, and put both clubs at 4-1 in the league.

This one was tough for the Brownies from the get-go. Comp scored five runs in the first, three coming off a homerun by Alex Robles. Agawam, however, battled back. A Kevin Mattson double, followed by a Tony LeClair triple and a Mike Carney single got them two runs in the bottom of the first.

For the next two innings, Dave Federico and Ben Lapins held Comp scoreless while the offense tied things up. In the second, Federico got nailed with a pitch and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Eric Bodurtha reached on an error. With men on second and third, Brian Chechile singled, scoring two runs.

The third inning saw the Brownies strike again. Brian St. Jean belted a two-out triple and came home on a Bodurtha single.

It was tied at 5-5 when Comp scored two in the fourth and one in the fifth to take an 8-5 lead. Brian St. Jean smacked a solo homer in the bottom of the fifth (his first of the year) closing the gap to 8-6, Comp.

Locals Under Pressure

The Colts scored two more in the top of the sixth. Agawam, under pressure now, almost answered in the bottom of the inning, loading them up with one out. However, a strikeout and a fly to left ended the threat.

Comp would put one more on the board in the top of the seventh. Agawam's last gasp saw St. Jean lead off with a double down the third baseline. But he could advance no further than third before the side went down.

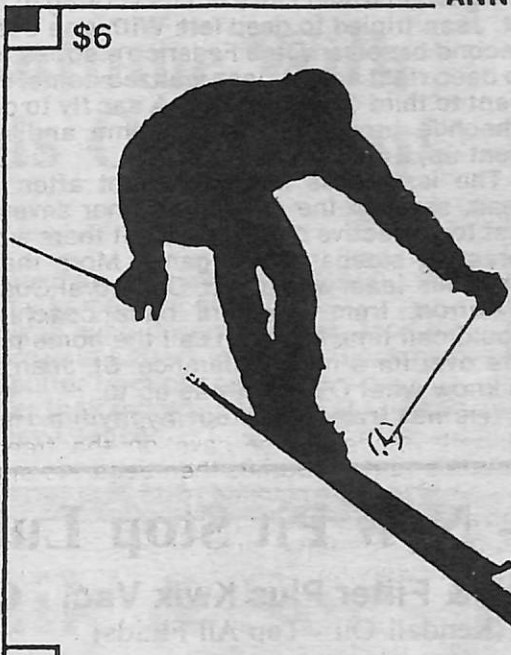
"Comp came here second in the league and they did the things they had to do to win, including some timely hitting and some great defense. They deserved this one," Brownie Coach Pete Clark said.

Agawam went to 11-6 overall and 4-1 in the Valley League. Comp rose to 9-7 (4-1).

The junior varsity beat the Comp kids, 9-1.

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Baseball Vs Cathedral...

Brownies Send Panthers Packing With 8-1 Rout

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' baseball team is back on track by virtue of an 8-1 win over visiting Cathedral High School on Tuesday afternoon, at Harmon Smith Field.

At this writing, Agawam stands at 12-6 and 5-1 in the Valley League, good for a first-place tie. Cathedral fell to 7-10 and 3-3 in the Valley League.

Brian St. Jean was on the hill for the Brownies and spun a four-hit, 13-strikeout gem for his sixth win of the season. It was indeed vitange St. Jean. His fastball was hopping, his change had the Panther batters swinging before the ball even reached the plate, and his curve was dropping off the table's edge. The only blemish in his performance came in the Cathedral seventh when DH Mike Buoniconti belted a triple and came home on a fielder's choice for the lone Panther run.

While St. Jean was handling the Panthers' offense, the Brownie batters were laboring early on to get on the board against a team they'd beaten 7-0 earlier this month. They struck paydirt in their half of the third.

Leadoff hitter Scott Harlin got nailed by a pitch. The junior centerfielder then stole second. Left-fielder Chris Wayne then slapped a one-hop single over the second baseman's glove into rightfield, scoring Harlin. Wayne, on second by virtue of a steal, was driven home on a one-out single to center off the bat of shortstop Mike Carney.

Locals Take 6-0 Lead

Agawam was back at work in the bottom of the fourth. Brian Chechile jammed a one-out single between third and short, then stole second. Harlin fanned. Wayne drew a two-out walk. The Brownies' designated hitter (and leading hitter), Kevin Mattson, stepped in and pulled a hard grounder to left driving in Chechile. With two on sophomore third baseman Tony LeClair was next. He sent a moon shot to deep center for his third homerun of the season and a 6-0 lead.

Agawam High's Junior Varsity Softball Team



MEMBERS OF THE 1999 junior varsity softball team at AHS. Back row: manager Libby Sussman, Jen Gensheimer, Erica Molbury, Lisa Bienia, Jen Bishop, co-captain Amanda Galluzzo, Amanda Tilden, and Coach Linda Kunasek. Front row: Laura Bucalo, Danya Decoteau, co-captain Jen Burke, Jen Pietroniro, Danielle Bachini, and Erin Jackson. Advertiser

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Agawam would close out its scoring in the fifth. St. Jean tripled to deep left. With one out, senior second baseman Dave Federico slapped a double to deep right and St. Jean waltzed home. Federico went to third on a wild pitch. A sac fly to center by Chechile brought Federico home and Agawam went up, 8-0.

The issue was never in doubt after that. St. Jean, save for the one-run Panther seventh, was just too effective on this day. But there was an interesting sidebar to the game. More than once, when his team was at bat, Cathedral Coach Tom O'Herron, from the third base coaching box, would call time and then call the home plate umpire over for a mini-conference. St. Jean seemed to know what O'Herron was up to.

"He was trying to disrupt my rhythm. He did the

same thing last year against Central when Pat Strange was pitching against them. It worked, because Pat got frustrated and ended up losing to them," St. Jean smile.

AGAWAM STATISTICS: Harlin - 0-2, 1 RS, 1 SB; Wayne - 1-2, 1 RBI, 1 SB; Mattson - 1-3, 1 RBI, 1 RS, 1 SB; LeClair - 1-2 (HR), 3 RBI, 1 RS; Carney - 1-4, 1 RBI; St. Jean - 1-4 (3B), 1 RS; Bodurtha - 0-2; Federico - 2-3 (2B), 1 RBI, 1 RS; Chechile - 1-2, 1 RBI, 1 RS; Mercadante - 0-1.

PITCHING: St. Jean (W) - 7 IP; 1 R; 1 ER; 2 BB; 13 SO; 1.00 ERA.

CATHEDRAL: 1 R; 4 H; 1 E; 4 LOB. **AGAWAM:** 8 R; 8 H; 0 E; 7 LOB.

JV's: The Agawam junior varsity beat the Cathedral kids, 3-2.

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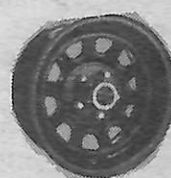
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AHS' Boys' Volleyball Team Makes The Playoffs During 1st Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Probably no one would have thought that the fledgling Agawam High boys' volleyball would do so well in their first season. They ended up with a 15-3 record and won their division (Southern) outright, with a 10-0 record.

Coach Pat Demers, who has been around the game as an official and coach for many years, says she wasn't surprised by her kids' performance. "No, I knew when I first met them that they were capable. They had that certain frame of mind that seems to go with winners, despite their lack of experience."

Now come the playoffs. At this writing, the team was waiting to see just where they'll be seeded. It will be a high one in any case and should mean they'll open the Western Mass. Tournament with a game at Kibbe Gym on Friday, May 28th.

Essentially, the playoffs are a second season; everyone tends to raise their game a notch. Success in the tournament depends on certain things, according to Demers. "We'll have to keep our heads about us and play the kind of game we

know we can play. What's important here is that these athletes have meshed together now. They are friends who care about each other and help each other out in all areas of skill performance. I'd say they are as ready as they'll ever be."

Team Stabilizers

Demers pointed out that they will be led into the post-season by four kids who have stabilized the team all season long - senior captain Dave Thomas, sophomore captain Mike Thomas, senior Ondrej Lukes, and junior Brad Theriaque.

Will she change her coaching scheme? "No, I'll do exactly what got us to this point. We'll keep everything simple and stick to the basics. All I can do is provide direction. The kids will have to do it on the court," she smiled.

The coach did note one thing about the regular season. "Even though we won our division, the MIAA won't recognize us as the champion because we're a new program. We can't claim that title for two years. But in all our hearts, we know we are the Southern Division champions."



PAT DEMERS, the coach of the Agawam High boys' volleyball team. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Girls' Softball...

Brownies' Troubles Continue With 4-1 Defeat At The Hands Of 'Hamp

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The tough times continue for the Agawam girls' softball team. Tuesday afternoon, they hosted Northampton in a make-up game and lost, 4-1. It was the third setback in a row for the defending Western Mass. champions.

The Blue Devils scored one in the second, one in the fourth, and two in the seventh for the win. Agawam managed their lone score in the sixth

when Tiff Blackman singled, stole second and third, and came home on a groundout.

Lindsay Mason, who deserved better, took the loss as the Brownie batters (one hit - Blackman) continued to suffer from offensive anemia.

The loss sees their record now stand at 11-6 and 2-3 in the Valley League.

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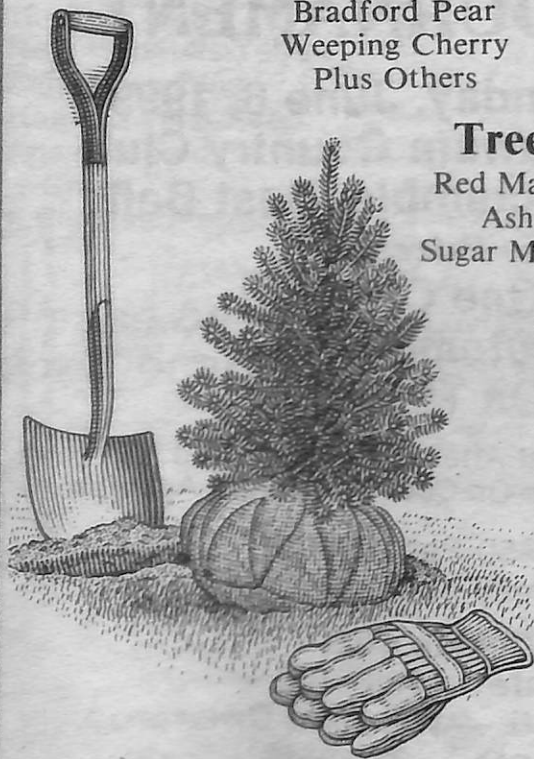
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Youth Soccer...

Agawam Tigers Finish In Third Place In Division I With Strong 9-2-3 Record

The U14 Agawam Tigers finished their last regular season as a Pioneer Valley soccer team with a strong 9-2-3 record, good for third place in Division I behind defending league champion and 1998 MTOC runner-up Ludlow and second place East Longmeadow, the two-time defending MTOC champs.

The Tigers played their best game of the season in sending Ludlow to its first loss of the 1999 spring campaign, 1-0, over at Ludlow's Chapin Street School on Wednesday evening, May 19th. The Tigers received strong efforts from a parade of players in this one.

The scoreless first half saw Ludlow hold a slim territorial edge, but the Tigers were also able to sustain pressure in the home team's end as well.

The second half, however, was where the Tigers shined. They opened the half with 13 minutes of strong pressure in the Ludlow end. It paid off with 22 minutes to go when wing Kaitlin Sardella's corner kick through the goalmouth deflected off the head of a Ludlow defender who was attempting to clear the ball and into the upper corner of the net.

The remainder of the game saw Agawam stave off relentless Ludlow pressure. Ludlow's best chance to score came with 15 minutes remaining on a direct kick from 30 yards out following a takedown. The strong kick was heading for the upper corner, but goalie Vicky Taylor leaped, stretched to the max, and finger-tipped the ball over the crossbar and out of harm's way.

Ludlow's best chances to score in the final minutes came on four corner kicks and each was

an adventure for the Tigers' defense. The Tigers counter-attacked on several occasions, with striker Danielle Cirillo and wing Jen Sharpe creating problems for the Ludlow defense as Danielle just missed on the occasion.

The Tigers' defenders were led by sweeper Shannon Cook, stopper Kim Hoague, and defenders Tricia Fitchben, Melissa Savenko, Kaitlin Sardella, and Sherri Laskowski. Midfielders Whitney Brown, Meaghan Brown, Ellen Rannenbergh, Aimee Beaudette, and Nicole Gendreau played their best games of the season as a unit. Victoria Ruhl and Kelly Reilly also gave good support to the front line.

The Tigers ended the regular season with a scoreless tie vs. always-tough, fourth-place Westfield, at the Agawam Middle School on Saturday morning, May 22nd. The Tigers held the territorial advantage throughout, but were thwarted by good goaltending and several missed opportunities. WF had two good chances to score, both in the second half, but goalie Vicky Taylor was there again to record her ninth shutout of the season. She allowed eight goals in the 14-game regular season.

The Tigers were heading for the Nashua, New Hampshire Memorial Day Tournament along with league rivals Ludlow and Westfield. The Tigers reached the championship game of this tournament a year ago. The team is coached by Ed Brown and Frank Fitchben.

Agawam Twisters Defeat East Longmeadow And Wind Up Tying Longmeadow Team

On Tuesday, May 18th, the Agawam Twisters — the girls' U-10 team of the Pioneer Valley Soccer League — defeated East Longmeadow in a tough away game by a score of 1-0.

The lone goal of the game was delivered by Cassie Ashwell, who broke away from three defenders and drove down the field to sail in what proved to be the winning score.

On Saturday, May 22nd, the Twisters returned home to play Longmeadow and battled to a 2-2 tie.

Katie Outhouse scored a goal in the first half, with an assist by Christina Bertrand. The Twisters scored again in the second half on an unassisted goal by Cassie Ashwell.

11th Annual D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament Scheduled For Saturday, June 26th

The 11th annual Agawam Police D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 26th, at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, 128 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. The tournament will be limited to 144 players.

The format for the tournament will be "scramble," and prizes will be awarded for the "longest drive" and "nearest pin."

The entry fee is \$65 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, continental breakfast,

and lunch. For lunch only, the cost is \$15.

The entry deadline is June 11th. Space will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For an application and/or more information, please contact Project D.A.R.E., c/o Sergeant Gallerani, Agawam Police Department, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. All applications must be accompanied by check.

Best local news...

Sacred Heart Athletic Association Standings

BOYS' STANDINGS

DPL TEAMS	W	L
Fran's Restaurant Yellows Devils	6	1
Allen Lawnmower Red Sox	5	1
Westfield Bank Black Hawks	5	2
Structural Welding Engineering Crushers	3	2
Firestone Bombers	2	5
Valenti's Restaurant Braves	2	5
Blimpie's Purple Knights	1	4
E. Cecchi Farms Mets	1	5

9-10 TEAMS

NORTH DIVISION	W	L
Towne Insurance No. 4	3	1
John's Trucking No. 1	2	3
Reed's Industries No. 3	2	3
The Cutting Edge No. 2	2	4

SOUTH DIVISION

	W	L
Mr. Sign No. 6	5	0
Bradway Limousine Service No. 8	3	1
Fitness First No. 7	1	3
Kid's Footwear No. 5	0	3

11-12 TEAMS

	W	L
Luigi's Athletics	7	0
Northern Electric Braves	5	2
Westbank Marlins	3	4
Riverside Phillies	2	4
Bear Auto Orioles	1	4
Alvin's Astros	1	5

GIRLS' STANDINGS

8-9 TEAMS	W	L
Stan's Soft Serve Maroon	5	0
Phipp's Discount Teal	3	1
Agawam Medical Supply Green	3	2
Baystate Gas Red	1	4
American Classics Orange	0	5

10-12 TEAMS	W	L	T
Dayga Printing Navy	6	1	1
Stop & Shop Green	5	1	1
Tolli's Orange	4	3	0

SEE STANDINGS - Page 43...

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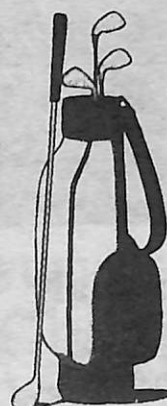
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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

A Real "Fishy" Story...

Back on the first of May, Matt Sohay was fishing the Westfield River near the Dunkin' Donuts shop in Agawam.

Matt was told that the shad were not hitting, so he looked over his assortment of shad darts and chose a chrome-colored one, hoping that something different might do the trick. The dart was a gift from his fishing buddy, Charlie Reutt of Feeding Hills.

Matt's first cast into the fast and slightly murky water resulted in a savage strike. At first, Matt (who is an experienced fisherman) thought that he might have snagged bottom. That thought only lasted a millisecond, as a gorgeous Atlantic salmon vaulted out of the water.

After a fight that lasted almost 30 minutes, the fish was ready to be landed. As luck would have it, no one had a landing net!

A fellow fisherman, Jay Norwood, was able to grab the fish by the tail. After carefully landing the fish by hand, Jay used a disposable camera he keeps with him to snap the accompanying photo.

Following the quick photo session, the fish was

carefully released back into the river to continue its journey upstream.

Great catch, Matt!

In river fishing, structure is just as important as in fishing a lake or pond. Fish relate to structure, and locating the right structure is the key to fishing success. The factor of current in a river gives structure a special significance. Bars, points, wing dams, and boulders may form current breaks and serve as ambush points for predatory fish such as bass, pike, walleye, and crappies. Strippers are not different!

When fishing obvious and visible structure such as points and bars, keep in mind that the fish will always be facing the current. Points of land, man-made structures, and underwater bars will change the direction of the current.

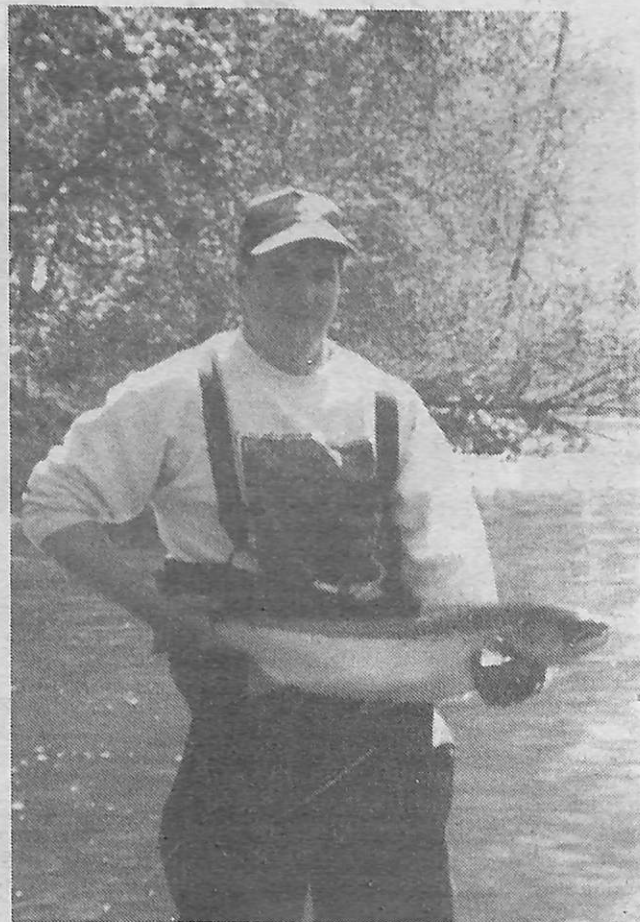
Even a relatively small point of land can cause the current to not only change course, but may set up a circular flow in the opposite direction. This is the ideal ambush point for predatory fish and astute fishermen. Remember that the fish will always be facing into the current. Interruptions in the current will cause the fish to orient themselves in the direction of the current flow.

While the River is red hot ... get out there and try it.

FISH REPORT

George at BG's Pro Tackle in Enfield reports that the striper tournament is in full swing. The Connecticut River is giving up some good fish at and below the Enfield Dam. Stop by the shop for some expert advice and check out the new Team Striper t-shirts!

Kurt over at Saunders Marina reports that largemouth fishing is going great. Soft plastics fished on the weedlines and deep-diving crankbaits at the dropoffs are scoring.



MATT SOHAY with his big "catch" — a gorgeous Atlantic salmon. Photo courtesy of Jay Norwood and his trusty disposable camera.

"Thomas Gillan Fishing Derby" Held At Spfld. Turnverein

The Fourth Annual "Thomas Gillan Memorial Fishing Derby" was held recently at the Springfield Turnverein of Agawam.

A beautiful day brought out many families to enjoy the day. As this is open to members' families only, all winners were club members.

Trophies were presented to the following winners:

"First Fish" caught by a boy was awarded to Thomas Barker, and for the girls it went to Megan Charland. (The trout managed to elude the hooks.)

Ordinarily, the largest fish award would be presented for a trout, but this year we had to present them for bass. The "Largest Bass" caught by a girl was 14¾", and the winner was Jessica Beroth; the "Largest Bass" caught by a boy went to Matthew Lacoille, who snagged one at 12¼".

Fisherpeople of ages up to 15 were eligible, and awards were given to our youngest participants. The youngest girl fishing was Emily Zollo, age three; for the boys, it was Bobby Beck, age four.

Trophies were presented to the winners by Tom Gillan, Jr., in memory of his dad.

STANDINGS - from Page 42...

River Auto Gray	4	4	0
Partner's Restaurant Maroon	3	4	0
Poolman Pools Teal	3	5	0
Travel Connections Red	0	7	0

13-17 TEAMS	W	L
New Horizons Yellow	3	1
Sand Trap Blue	3	1
Hastie Fence Red	2	1
Agawam Federal Credit Union Green	1	3
E.B's Restaurant Orange	0	3

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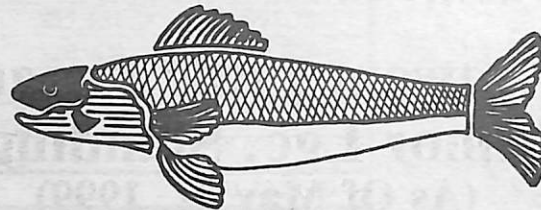
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- Lead Heads - \$1 Per Bag
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- Striper Combos - \$69.95
- Ganakatsu Fishing Line - \$4.99 Per Box

Shriners Hospital Visits Daggett Gymnastics...



ON MONDAY, MAY 3RD, children from the Shriners Hospital in Springfield visited Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics In Agawam and learned some of the particulars about this demanding sport. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Daggett Gymnasts Compete At Girls' State Championships During May

May is the month for State Championships at Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics, and the girls were very busy preparing and planning for these special meets. Levels 6, 7, and 8 all competed and here are the results.

Level 8:

The venue was Springfield College and Jen Stack had a fine meet, as she turned in a score of 34.175 all around. This included an 8.8 on bars and qualified her for the level 8 regional championships to be held in Maine.

West Side's Kari Sullivan competed a 34.025, and Wilbraham's Whitney Quist had a 33.925 A.A.

Agawam's Mary Kate Zajac overcame nagging injuries, and her 31.925 A.A. was a testament to her courage and love of the sport.

Level 7:

Agawam's Liz Clark looks like she is in super shape for her next high school gymnastic season, as she rode an 8.9 on vault (fourth) to an all around of 33.45.

Level 6:

The team travelled to Leominster High to face some tough competition, and they didn't let the Gym down.

Mia Yacteen held the bronze medal, as her 9.25 was good for third on vault. She also had a 9.375 on floor and a 35.525 A.A.

Sarah Kantany of Wilbraham had a solid meet, as her 9.0 on floor helped her to a 33.7 all around.

Suffield's Joy Higley balanced her way to third on beam and finished at 32.5.

Congratulations to all the gymnasts and their coaches on a great season.



Golf Tip Of The Week...
Compiled by
Jim Modzelesky,
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Wrong Way Up...

Here's a drill for all those fast swingers out there:

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Agawam Little League Minor Lge. Standings (As Of May 22, 1999)

TEAM	W	L
Agawam DARE Giants	7	1
Agawam Cinemas Red Sox	7	1
Westfield Bank Yankees	6	2
Smart Appraisal Mets	4	4
Dryer Plumb. & Heat. Dodgers	4	4
Bridgeport Nat'l. Royals	4	3
Geissler's Market Orioles	2	5
Luigi's Pizza Braves	1	7
Quail Run Indians	0	8

Agawam Little League Major Div. Standings (As of May 23, 1999)

	W	L
Teddy Bear Pools Oriols	6	1
T.V.S. Communications Yankees	6	2
McNair Bus. Machines Mets	5	2
Valenti's Rest. Braves	4	4
Scott's Citgo Red Sox	4	4
Breakers Billiards Dodgers	3	5
Berkshire Power Indians	3	5
Caldwell Banker Royals	0	8

Agawam Men's Softball League

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L
Scibelli's	6	2
Abbett Bus. Ser.	6	2
E.B's Restaurant I	6	3
Celtic Pub	5	2
Bodyworks	5	2
Bobbie's	4	3
Bella Pizza	3	3
Scoreboard	3	3
Elm Pizza	3	4
Sam's Sports Bar	3	4
Joey's Pub	3	5
Breakers	2	3
Dante Club	2	4
E.B's Restaurant II	2	6
Riverdale Lanes	0	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L
Mingles	7	2
Medical Care Part./Civic Pub	6	3
Olympic Fastener	6	3
GoodFellaz/Letalien Jewelers	5	3
Carigans	5	3
Marlins	4	5
Omniglo	4	5
M & P Siding	3	5
Teddy Bear Pools	2	6
Artioli Dodge	0	8

American Legion Slates Tryouts For Its Baseball Team

American Legion Post 185 Baseball will be holding tryouts for this year's team on Saturday, May 29th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School varsity field.

Players must be between 15 and 18 years of age, and have to have been born after August 1, 1981.



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TOWN OF AGAWAM, MA PUBLIC HEARING

The following budgets have been submitted to the Agawam Town Council who will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 21, 1999, at 7:30 P.M., at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts. The budgets may be inspected at the Town Clerk's office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The budgets are also available at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA, and the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA. A summary sheet of the budgets is available.

Ursula Retzler
Council Clerk

CHART OF APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2000 BUDGET

DEPARTMENT	Personnel Services	Purchased Services	Supplies	Capital Outlay	TOTAL
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					
Council	\$63,400	\$15,500	\$350	\$0	\$79,250
Mayor	\$208,614	\$110,875	\$0	\$0	\$319,489
Law Department	\$41,500	\$64,500	\$0	\$0	\$106,000
Auditor	\$103,456	\$850	\$0	\$0	\$104,306
Clerk/Elections	\$156,826	\$1,100	\$0	\$0	\$157,926
Assessor	\$142,989	\$72,191	\$0	\$0	\$215,180
Data Processing	\$117,712	\$575	\$0	\$0	\$118,287
Treasurer/Collector	\$208,735	\$21,080	\$0	\$4,600	\$234,415
Police Department	\$2,805,127	\$43,600	\$12,560	\$95,536	\$2,956,823
Fire Department	\$2,418,146	\$70,176	\$30,500	\$92,300	\$2,611,122
Inspection Services	\$194,552	\$800	\$705	\$0	\$196,057
Health Department	\$304,440	\$4,347	\$2,600	\$0	\$311,387
Community Development	\$96,943	\$850	\$0	\$0	\$97,793
Library	\$494,218	\$42,226	\$124,000	\$8,671	\$669,115
Parks & Recreation	\$110,103	\$10,125	\$2,400	\$20,000	\$142,628
Council on Aging	\$224,885	\$58,050	\$3,000	\$0	\$285,935
DPW Administration	\$68,446	\$250	\$50	\$0	\$68,746
Highway & Grounds	\$843,646	\$224,895	\$276,350	\$92,500	\$1,437,391
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$137,277	\$29,410	\$189,930	\$3,080	\$359,697
Engineering	\$145,299	\$5,910	\$3,200	\$0	\$154,409
Building Maintenance	\$1,452,231	\$851,675	\$101,800	\$14,950	\$2,420,656
Agawam Public Schools					\$23,032,030
Line Items					\$9,140,781
TOTAL - GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					\$45,219,423
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET					\$1,000,000
SELF SUSTAINING DEPTS					
Wastewater	\$374,669	\$1,761,670	\$34,425	\$31,778	\$2,202,542
Water	\$558,218	\$1,219,502	\$182,510	\$37,551	\$1,997,781
Golf Course	\$284,338	\$277,335	\$201,277	\$20,000	\$782,950
TOTAL - SELF SUSTAINING DEPTS					\$4,983,273
TOTAL - ALL DEPARTMENTS					\$51,202,696

TOWN OF AGAWAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2000 - FISCAL YEAR 2004

FISCAL YEAR 2000 BONDING SCHEDULE			FISCAL YEAR 2001 APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE			FISCAL YEAR 2003 BONDING SCHEDULE		
General Fund Projects			General Fund Appropriations			General Fund Projects		
Project Description	Projected Amount	1st Year Principal & Interest	Project Description	Projected Amount		Project Description	Projected Amount	1st Year Principal & Interest
New Dept. of Public Works Facility - Construction	\$4,000,000.00	\$416,000.00	Agawam Town Hall - Preliminary Design Study	\$30,000.00		Agawam Town Hall - Construction	\$2,500,000.00	\$260,000.00
			North Agawam Drainage Improvement - Phase II	\$45,000.00		Recreation Improvement Project	\$1,000,000.00	\$104,000.00
			Agawam Senior Center Expansion - Design	\$100,000.00		Revenue Fund Projects		
			Agawam Fire Department - Aerial Platform Truck down payment	\$250,000.00		Project Description	Projected Amount	1st Year Principal & Interest
			Agawam Public Schools - Technology Education	\$125,000.00		No Projects Planned	\$0	\$0
			Sidewalk Improvement Program	\$20,000.00		FISCAL YEAR 2003 APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE		
			Park Improvement Program	\$20,000.00		General Fund Appropriations		
			Street Improvement Program	\$150,000.00		Project Description	Projected Amount	
			TOTAL	\$740,000.00		Agawam Public Schools - Technology Education	\$125,000.00	
FISCAL YEAR 2000 APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE			FISCAL YEAR 2002 BONDING SCHEDULE			TOTAL		
General Fund Appropriations			General Fund Projects			Agawam Public Schools - Technology Education		
Project Description	Projected Amount		Project Description	Projected Amount	1st Year Principal & Interest	Sidewalk Improvement Program		
Agawam Public Library Expansion Phase II Design	\$125,000.00		Agawam Senior Center Expansion - Construction	\$1,250,000.00	\$130,000.00	Park Improvement Program		
North Agawam Drainage Improvement - Phase I	\$35,000.00					Street Improvement Program		
Agawam Police Station - Roof Replacement	\$100,000.00		Revenue Fund Projects			TOTAL		
Agawam Fire Department - Light Rescue Vehicle	\$50,000.00		Project Description	Projected Amount	1st Year Principal & Interest	\$315,000.00		
Agawam Public Schools - Technology Education	\$125,000.00		No Projects Planned	\$0	\$0	FISCAL YEAR 2004 BONDING SCHEDULE		
Sidewalk Improvement Program	\$20,000.00		FISCAL YEAR 2002 APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE			General Fund Projects		
Park Improvement Program	\$20,000.00		General Fund Appropriations			Project Description	Projected Amount	1st Year Principal & Interest
Street Improvement Program	\$150,000.00		Project Description	Projected Amount		No Projects Planned	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$625,000.00					Revenue Fund Projects		
FISCAL YEAR 2001 BONDING SCHEDULE			FISCAL YEAR 2002 APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE			Project Description		
General Fund Projects			General Fund Appropriations			Wastewater - F.H. Trunk Sewer		
Project Description	Projected Amount	1st Year Principal & Interest	Project Description	Projected Amount		South - Construction; Wastewater - F.H. Trunk Sewer West - Design		
Agawam Public Library Expansion - Construction* (*net town share after state grant)	\$2,775,000.00	\$288,600.00	Agawam Town Hall - Design	\$175,000.00		\$275,000.00		
			Agawam Public Schools - Technology Education	\$125,000.00		\$28,600.00		
			Agawam Public Schools - Jr. High Clock/Intercom System	\$50,000.00		FISCAL YEAR 2004 APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE		
			Sidewalk Improvement Program	\$20,000.00		General Fund Appropriations		
			Park Improvement Program	\$20,000.00		Project Description	Projected Amount	Projected Amount
			Street Improvement Program	\$150,000.00		Agawam Public Schools - Technology Education	\$125,000.00	
			TOTAL	\$540,000.00		Sidewalk Improvement Program	\$20,000.00	
						Park Improvement Program	\$20,000.00	
						Street Improvement Program	\$150,000.00	
						TOTAL		\$315,000.00
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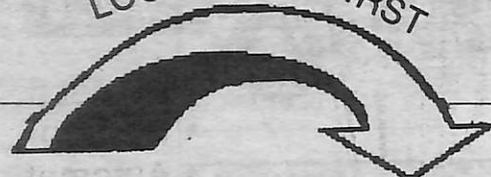
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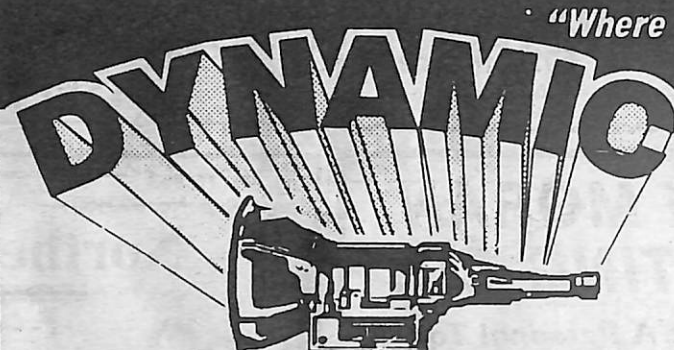


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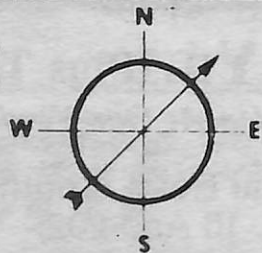
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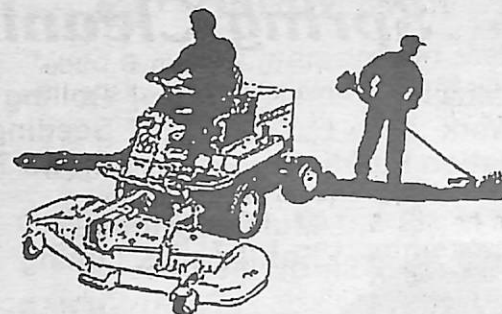
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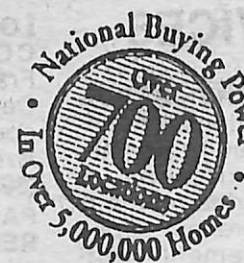
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